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SAATCHI & SAATCHI

Top court seeks state responses on pleas against anti-conversion laws

Gives four weeks to UP, MP, U'khand and others; shifts cases from high courts to itself

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought responses from the governments of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and other states on petitions seeking a stay on anti-religious conversion laws enacted by them.

A bench comprising Chief Justice of India BR Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran also decided to transfer to itself all petitions pending before various high courts that challenge the validity of these laws.

The court granted four weeks to the state governments to file their responses and scheduled the matter for further hearing after six weeks.

Senior advocate Chander Uday Singh, representing Citizens for Justice and Peace, asked the court to hear the matter urgently as the state governments amended the laws to make these laws more stringent.

> "Who will find out whether it is a deceitful conversion?
> **CJI BR Gavai**

Senior advocate Indira Jaising, appearing for a petitioner, contended that in Madhya Pradesh, there is an interim stay on Section 10 of the local MP Act. She urged the court to let the order continue until the apex court hears the matter.

Singh said one provision of the Gujarat law and one provision of the Madhya Pradesh law were stayed.

Jaising submitted that the 2024 amendment to the Uttar Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act introduced several changes, including provisions that allow third parties, not just the aggrieved persons, to file complaints. She noted that these checks, balances and restrictions take effect immediately.

"As a consequence, people in interfaith marriages, routine church and festival observances are facing harassment. Mobs arrive, people are picked up, and police complaints are filed," the counsel said.

She argued that although these laws are titled the 'Freedom of Religion Act', they in fact curtail the religious freedom of minorities and target interfaith marriages.

The court asked Additional Solicitor General KM Nataraj to file the state governments' response to the applications seeking a stay on the amendment to the laws.

The bench also de-tagged a plea filed by advocate Ashwini Upadhyaya seeking a pan-India law against conversion through coercion and deceit. In 2020, the apex court had issued a notice on a plea by Citizens for Justice and Peace against the laws in connection with religious conversions.

Subsequently, Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind filed a transfer plea before the apex court to transfer several cases pending in six high courts against the laws relating to religious conversions enacted by various states.

SC sets January 2026 deadline for Maharashtra local body polls

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Tuesday fixed January 31, 2026, as the final deadline for conducting all local body elections in Maharashtra. The top court made it crystal clear that it is a one-time concession without any possibility of any further extension.

Since 2022, local body elections in Maharashtra have been stalled due to litigation over reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

A bench pulled up the State Election Commission (SEC) for the delay in the matter, while emphasising the essence of grassroots democracy through periodical elections.

Considering the matter, the bench rebuked the SEC for failing to comply with earlier timelines and said that polls in all Zila Parishads, Panchayat Samitis, and municipalities must be completed within the stipulated time frame.

On EVMs, the bench directed the SEC to make arrangements and file a compliance affidavit by November 30, and, on board exams scheduled in March 2026, it said the exam schedule cannot form a basis for delaying elections.

The bench said it is not keen to entertain these excuses while fixing the deadline for the local body polls.

Court summons two scribes in Adani Group's defamation plea

AHMEDABAD, DHNS & PTI: A Gandhinagar court has issued summons to journalists Abhisar Sharma and Raju Parulekar for personal appearance on September 20, in response to a criminal defamation case filed by Adani Group.

The additional civil judge and judicial magistrate first class, Gandhinagar, issued a summons to Sharma, a journalist and YouTuber, and Parulekar, an author and blogger, on September 11, on the applications alleging false and defamatory content against the firm to malign its reputation.

"The complaints point to a YouTube video uploaded on August 18, 2025, by Sharma alleging that thousands of bighas of land in Assam had been allotted to Adani and tying the company to a pattern of supposed political favours, as well as to a series of tweets and retweets by Parulekar since January 2025 making similar claims of land grabs, scams and undue benefits," Adani Group's lawyer Sanjay Thakkar said.

Adani Group has dismissed the "baseless and misleading" allegations, stating that the Gauhati High Court order dated August 12, 2025, cited by respondents, made no reference to the business conglomerate.

Vaishno Devi pilgrimage to resume today

JAMMU, PTI: The pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district will resume on Wednesday, subject to favourable weather conditions, shrine board said.

The pilgrimage was suspended on August 26, hours before a major landslide hit the route leading to the shrine that resulted in the death of 34 pilgrims and injuries to 20 others.

The decision comes two days after a group of pilgrims staged a protest at Katra base camp in support of their demand for resumption of the pilgrimage.

SC to Centre: Fix tribunal mess or abolish them

Flags poor amenities, treatment of retired judges

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said that if the Centre is unable to provide proper facilities, it should abolish all tribunals and transfer all matters to the high courts.

"Please treat former chief justices and high court judges who accept your posts with dignity," the court told the Centre.

A bench comprising Justices BV Nagarathna and R Mahadevan said that former judges are often reluctant to take up post-retirement roles in tribunals due to inadequate amenities.

The court said it does not fault former judges and chief justices for declining to join tribunals. It made strong oral observations, saying that all such quasi-judicial bodies should be abolished if the government is unable to address the situation.

"Why do they apply, appear for interviews, and then refuse to take charge," the SC asked. One reason is that they come face-to-face with the reality of what it means to be a tribunal member. Some of them, as chairpersons, are former chief justices of HC or former judges of the SC, the court said.

The SC was hearing a plea filed by the NGT Bar Association (Western Zone) regarding vacancies in various tribunals.

The Centre informed the court that two former judges who had been offered appointments declined to take charge, and the appointment process would have to be restarted, which would take time.

The SC disagreed with the contention that existing members should be allowed to continue beyond their retirement until new appointments are made.

Expressing its anguish, the court said that no facilities whatsoever are being provided to tribunal members. "Even for stationery, they have to keep requesting. How are you treating the tribunals? The fault lies with you (Centre). You created these tribunals," the SC told the Centre's counsel.

It further observed that former judges face uncertainty regarding housing and other amenities after receiving their appointment orders.

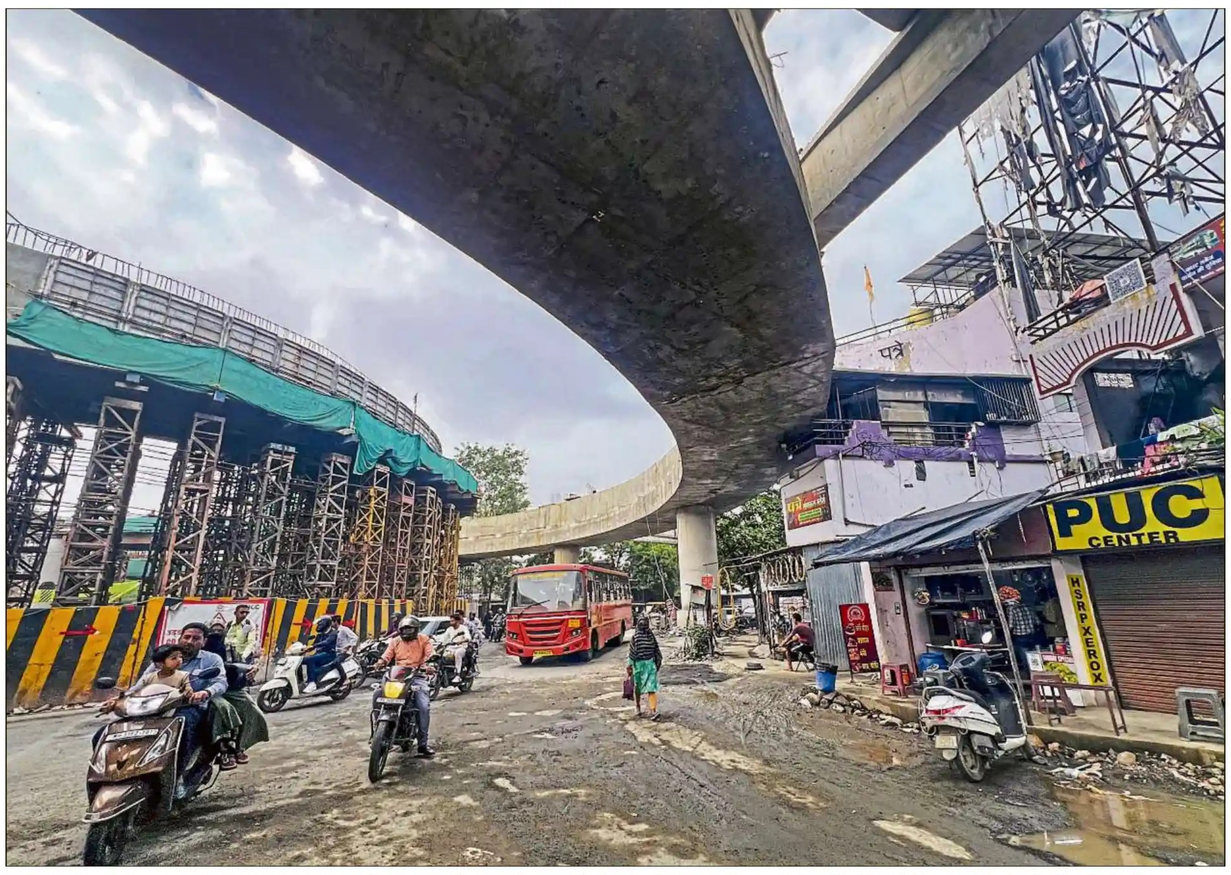
The court told Additional Solicitor General Vikramjit Banerjee, "No expenditure is provided. They have to keep begging — give us stationery, give us housing, give us this, give us a car."

Further elaborating on the reasons for judges' reluctance, the bench told the counsel that the most rickety car in the department is given to the chairman of the tribunal.

"Please treat former chief justices and HC judges who accept your posts with dignity," the SC said.

The court asked the Centre to constitute a panel comprising representatives from various ministries, including the Department of Personnel and Training, to assess the lapses and loopholes. The matter was scheduled for further hearing on December 16.

BALCONY BYPASS



A section of an under-construction flyover slicing through the balcony of a residential building, at Ashok Circle in Nagpur, on Tuesday. The viral image has triggered debate over poor urban planning. The National Highways Authority of India said the balcony falls under an encroached area and will be removed. The house owner, however, claimed the flyover beam was not touching the building and was not a safety concern. PTI

Shah calls for 'ruthless' action against drug supply chain

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday called for a "ruthless approach" to dismantle the supply chain of drugs and deal a "big blow" to the cartels involved in trafficking, distributing and selling contraband in the country.

Addressing the Second National Conference of Heads of Anti-Narcotics Task Force of States and Union Territories, he said the fight against contrabands could succeed only if there is a united effort by anti-narcotic wings and other agencies, as he emphasised that the time has come to wipe out drug menace.

Shah said there are three types of drug cartels—one that operates at entry points of the country, another is the distribution from the entry point, and the third is those that operate in small shops.

Apex court upholds family head's right to sell joint property

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Tuesday held that a 'karta' of a Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) can sell joint family property to meet legal necessity, which must be determined based on the facts of each case.

A bench comprising Justices Sandeep Mehta and Joymalya Bagchi upheld the dismissal of a suit filed by plaintiff Kashiraya against his father Sharanappa, challenging the 1995 sale of a land parcel in Bablad village of Karnataka's Kalaburagi. The sale was purportedly made to meet the marriage expenses of the daughter.

However, in 2007, the Karnataka High Court set aside the dismissal, ruling that the sale was not for legal necessity and that the purchaser was not a bona fide buyer.

Examining the appeal, the SC said, "We are conscious that the onus to prove that a sale made by the karta on behalf of other coparceners of HUF for legal necessity lies on the alienee/purchaser."

The court, however, stressed that the burden of proof placed on a stranger-purchaser cannot contradict the principle of reverse burden enshrined in Section 106 of the Evidence Act. It held that such a purchaser cannot be saddled with the responsibility of proving facts that lie within the special knowledge of the coparceners of the HUF.

In this case, the court found that the purchaser had no reason to doubt the karta's authority to sell the property for legal necessity and had acted with the prudence expected of an ordinary person.

The court also noted that the plaintiff's decision to challenge the sale transaction five years after it occurred cast serious doubt on his bona fides.

The son alleged that his father was addicted to alcohol and indulged in irresponsible habits. To sustain this wayward lifestyle, he claimed, the father sold various parcels of land belonging to the HUF for meagre consideration.

However, the court noted that the son had never raised objections to the earlier sale deeds.

The HC had reversed the trial court's judgment, holding that the purchaser had failed to produce any evidence of legal necessity. It also observed that the claim that the sale was made to meet the daughter's marriage expenses was not well-founded.

"It is true that the daughter's marriage took place in 1991, a couple of years before the karta entered into the sale of the suit property for valuable consideration. It is common knowledge that families often incur heavy debts while performing their daughters' marriages, and such debts can have a cascading impact on family finances over the years," the bench observed.

Nine held for sexually assaulting minor boy in Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS: Nine people, including government employees and a politician, were arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting a 16-year-old boy from Kasargod in Kerala.

The victim, a Class 10 student, was allegedly sexually abused by 14 men over the last two years.

Of the two government employees, one was a Railway official and the other a Kasaragod Bekal sub-district education officer, according to the police.

According to the police, the boy's mother came across the incident after noticing a stranger in their home.

On being quizzed, the boy revealed the ordeal he was facing to his mother.

She alerted Childline, who later alerted the police. The sexual assaults took place in Kannur and Kozhikode districts also.

The accused allegedly got in touch with the boy through a dating app.

Police said that separate cases were registered in Kasargod, Kannur, and Kozhikode districts under sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (Pocso).

A hunt is on for five more persons. The boy is undergoing counselling.

Punjab man on student visa to Russia 'recruited' in army

CHANDIGARH, PTI: A 25-year-old man from a village in Punjab's Moga district, who went to Russia on a student visa last year, has ended up being "recruited" in the Army there and has been "deceitfully" pushed into the Russia-Ukraine conflict, his family says.

The family of Buta Singh from Chak Kanian Kalan village in Moga claims that he is among many men, especially from north India, who have been "deceitfully" pushed into the Russia-Ukraine conflict and are now seeking the Centre's help for their safe return.

When contacted on Tuesday, Singh's sister Karamjit Kaur said over the phone that her brother went to Russia in October 2024 through a travel agent to pursue a language course. She said the agent had also said he could do part-time jobs in Russia to earn some money.

To arrange money to enable him to go to Russia, the family had sold a piece of land, Kaur said.

She said it was only about a week ago that, through some videos that went viral on social media, the family came to know that Singh, along with some others, found himself trapped and was "recruited" into the Russian Army to fight against Ukraine.

In the video, Singh and some other men are purportedly heard saying that they had gone to Moscow on student visas and were promised some other jobs later on. But then they found themselves trapped and "recruited" into the Russian Army.

"We appeal to the BJP government that we should be taken out from here and our lives are in grave danger," another man says in the video.

Kaur said the last communication from her brother was through a WhatsApp voice message on September 11.

Singh's father is a daily wager, and his mother tends to livestock to support the family. Kaur said the family wrote to the Centre recently, seeking help to ensure Singh's safe return.

READY, SET, SHOP

Over 1,300 gifts received by Modi to go under hammer from today

NEW DELHI, DHNS & PTI

More than 1,300 items, including an exquisitely-crafted statue of Goddess Bhavani, an intricately-carved model of Ayodhya's Ram temple and a set of sporting memorabilia from the Paralympic Games 2024, gifted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, are part of an e-auction that begins here on Wednesday, officials said on Tuesday.

The start of the seventh edition of the online auction will coincide with the birthday of Modi, who turns 75 on Wednesday. It will be held till October 2.

According to the PM Mementoes website, the base price of the statue of Goddess Bhavani is Rs 1.03 crore, while that of the model of the Ram temple is Rs 5.5 lakh.

Culture ministry officials said these two items, along with three pairs of shoes of Paralympics medallists, each pair with a base price of Rs 7.7 lakh, are in the top-five bracket in terms of the base price.

Other items that will be part of the e-auction include an intricately-embroidered Pashmina shawl from Jammu and Kashmir, a Tanjore painting of Ram Durbar, a metallic Nataraja statue, a Rogan Art from Gujarat depicting the Tree of Life and a handwoven Naga shawl.

A special highlight of this edition is the sports memorabilia gifted by India's para-athletes who participated in the Paris Paralympics 2024.

Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat announced the launch of the latest edition of the Prime Minister's Mementoes e-auction at a press interaction hosted at the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) here.

"Since then, thousands of unique gifts presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi have been auctioned, raising more than Rs 50 crore in support of the Namami Gange project," the culture ministry said.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel holobox

The Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya will unveil a lifelike holobox of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on Wednesday to commemorate the 77th anniversary of Operation Polo, which was launched for the annexation of Hyderabad, and celebrate PM Modi's birthday.

Visitors will be able to have lifelike, interactive conversations with an AI-powered, hyper-realistic 3D avatar of the Iron Man of India. "This pioneering initiative, blended with cutting-edge technology, creates a deeply engaging and educational experience where visitors can pose questions and receive answers on the leader's life, philosophies, and pivotal moments in India's history," the ministry said.

Trump dials PM Modi, greets him on birthday

NEW DELHI, PTI: US President Donald Trump on Tuesday dialled Prime Minister Narendra Modi and greeted him on his 75th birthday, in a significant gesture seen as part of Washington's efforts to reset ties with New Delhi.

"Thank you, my friend, President Trump, for your phone call and warm greetings on my 75th birthday," the PM said in a social media post.

"Like you, I am also fully committed to taking the India-US Comprehensive and Global Partnership to new heights," he said.

"We support your initiatives towards a peaceful resolution of the Ukraine conflict," the prime minister added.

The phone call, first after the US imposed 50% tariffs on India, is seen as significant as it came days after the two leaders exchanged messages on the social media that indicated an intent to rebuild the ties.

Govt sets 362.5 million tonne foodgrain target for 2025-26

AJITH ATHRADY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Centre on Tuesday said that the total foodgrain production target has been set at 171.14 million tonnes for the 2025-26 Rabi season.

Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan told media on the sidelines of the two-day national Rabi conference, said there is an adequate supply of seeds and fertilisers for the rabi season.

The government is undertaking crop-wise reviews and will take concrete steps to increase Rabi crops output, he pointed out.

The minister said there is adequate seed available for the upcoming Rabi season. Against the requirement of 22.9 million tonnes of seed, nearly 25 million tonnes are already available.

Chouhan said that the country's total foodgrain production reached 353.96 million tonnes in 2024–25, an increase of 21.66 million tonnes (6.5%) over the previous year.

The central government has set a production target of 362.50 million tonnes for 2025–26, up from 341.55 million tonnes last year, Chouhan said.

Speaking about wheat and rice, the minister said the country's production has achieved global levels, but there is a need to focus more on pulses and oilseeds.

In the upcoming Rabi season, over 2,000 teams of agriculture scientists will visit farmers to provide timely knowledge and guidance through a Rabi campaign called 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan', set to begin from October 3, he said.

The government has set a record wheat production target of 119 million tonne for the 2025-26 crop year, marking a 3.47% increase from the previous year.

Wheat is the main Rabi (winter) crop, with sowing beginning from late October and continuing through November. Other Rabi crops include jowar, barley, gram and lentil.

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Approx. INR 8785 crores has been allocated for infrastructure development under various micro and macro schemes.

A photograph of the Hon. Chief Minister Sri Siddaramaiah, Hon. Minister for Planning, Programme Monitoring & Statistics Sri D. Sudhakar, and Hon. Chairman KKRDB Dr. Ajay Dharam Singh, taken during the official review meeting on the developmental initiatives of the Kalyana Karnataka Region.

Paying Homage to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, The Unifier of India.

Venue: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Statue, Kalaburagi

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We invite the people of Karnataka to be a part of the Utsava Celebrations!

Israel committing genocide in Gaza, says UN probe

Israel rejects UN report as 'distorted and false'

GENEVA, AFP

Displaced Palestinians move with their belongings southwards on a road in central Gaza Strip following renewed Israeli military evacuation orders for Gaza City on Tuesday. AFP

UN investigators on Tuesday accused Israel of committing genocide in Gaza in a bid to "destroy the Palestinians", directly accusing Israel's prime minister and other top officials of incitement.

The UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry (COI), which does not speak on behalf of the world body, found that "genocide is occurring in Gaza", commission chief Navi Pillay told AFP.

"The responsibility lies with the State of Israel." The report, immediately slammed by Israel, marks the first time a UN-mandated investigative body has concluded that the country is committing genocide. Israel has faced genocide accusations from NGOs and independent UN experts since the start of the war in Gaza.

The UN itself has not officially labelled the situation a genocide, but Pillay said she believed the facts presented by the commission should prompt "high-level leaders at the United Nations also to call this what it is, the genocide". After the report was published, UN rights chief Volker Turk said it was up to the courts to determine whether genocide was taking place, but warned: "We see the evidence mounting."

Israel "categorically" rejected Tuesday's report, with the foreign ministry describing it as "distorted and false" and calling "for the immediate abolition of this Commission of Inquiry". The commission published its latest report nearly two years after the war erupted in Gaza following Hamas's October 7, 2023, attack inside Israel, which resulted in the deaths of 1,219 people.

Israel's retaliatory campaign has displaced virtually the entire Gaza population and killed nearly 65,000 people, according to figures from the health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza that the UN considers reliable.

The report came as Israel on Tuesday launched a ground assault on Gaza City, where the UN has declared a full-scale famine. The COI concluded that Israeli authorities and forces had since October 2023 committed "four of the five genocidal acts" listed in the 1948 Genocide Convention.

These are "killing members of the group, causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group, deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part, and imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group". The investigators said explicit statements by Israeli civilian and military authorities and their patterns of military action "indicated that the genocidal acts were committed with intent to destroy."

They concluded that Israeli President Isaac Herzog, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former defence minister Yoav Gallant have "incited the commission of genocide and that Israeli authorities have failed to take action against them to punish this incitement".

Trump files $15 billion lawsuit against New York Times

NEW YORK, AP/PTI: US President Donald Trump filed a $15 billion defamation lawsuit against The New York Times and four of its journalists on Monday, according to court documents.

The lawsuit filed in US District Court in Florida names several articles and one book written by two of the publication's journalists and published in the lead-up to the 2024 election, saying they are "part of a decades-long pattern by the New York Times of intentional and malicious defamation against President Trump."

"Defendants published such statements negligently, with knowledge of the falsity of the statements, and/or with reckless disregard of their truth or falsity," the lawsuit says. The New York Times did not immediately respond to an email requesting comment early Tuesday.

In a Truth Social post announcing the lawsuit, Trump accused The New York Times of lying about him and defaming him, saying it has become "a virtual mouthpiece' for the Radical Left Democrat Party."

Trump has gone after other media outlets, including filing a $10 billion defamation lawsuit against The Wall Street Journal and media mogul Rupert Murdoch in July after the newspaper published a story reporting on his ties to wealthy financier Jeffrey Epstein.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

People carry the mortal remains of a protester who was killed in police action during the recent anti-government agitation in Kathmandu, Nepal, on Tuesday. PTI

Trump thanks Modi for support in ending Ukraine war

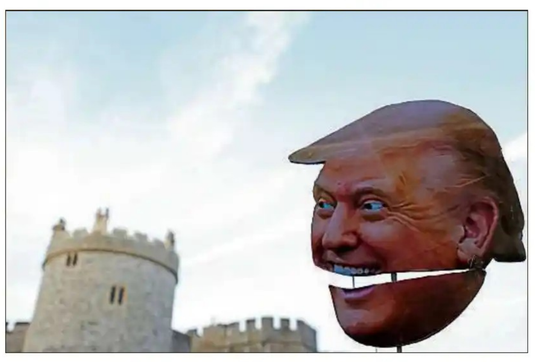
▶ US President Donald Trump on Tuesday held what he described as a "wonderful" phone call with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during which he extended birthday greetings and thanked him for his support in efforts to end the Russia-Ukraine war, PTI reports from New York.

"Just had a wonderful phone call with my friend, Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I wished him a very Happy Birthday! He is doing a tremendous job. Narendra: Thank you for your support on ending the War between Russia and Ukraine!" Trump wrote on Truth Social, signing off with "President DJT". Modi, who will turn 75 on Wednesday, responded on X by thanking Trump for his wishes and reiterating India's commitment to strengthening ties with Washington. He said he was determined to take bilateral relations to "new heights" and voiced support for Trump's efforts towards a "peaceful resolution of the Ukraine conflict". The exchange highlighted the personal rapport between the two leaders, with Trump praising Modi's leadership and Modi stressing India's willingness to play a constructive role in global peace efforts.

Microsoft seizes 340 websites

▶ Microsoft Inc said on Tuesday that it seized 340 websites tied to a rapidly growing Nigerian-based service that allowed users to carry out phishing operations that stole at least 5,000 Microsoft user credentials, Reuters reports.

Microsoft obtained an order from the US District Court in Manhattan earlier this month to seize domains associated with Raccoon0365, the subscription service that allowed users to carry out massive phishing, which sometimes involved thousands of emails at a time, according to Steven Masada, assistant general counsel for Microsoft's Digital Crimes Unit. Raccoon0365's service, which operates through a Telegram channel with more than 850 subscribers, enables users to impersonate trusted brands and get targets to enter Microsoft login credentials on phony Microsoft login pages.



A cutout depicting US President Donald Trump is held up during a "Trump Not Welcome" protest ahead of his arrival in Windsor, Britain, on Tuesday. REUTERS

ICE intensifies raids in Boston

▶ Immigrants are being detained while going to work, outside courthouses, and at store parking lots in Metro Boston as President Donald Trump targets so-called sanctuary cities in his effort to ramp up immigration enforcement, AP/PTI reports from Boston.

As families hole up in homes, advocates are reporting an increased presence of unmarked US Immigration and Customs Enforcement vehicles sitting in parking lots and other public areas, where agents appeared to target work vans. Just north of Boston, the city of Everett cancelled its annual Hispanic Heritage Month festival after its mayor said it wouldn't be right to "hold a celebration at a time when community members may not feel safe attending."

Divers reach Titanic's sister ship

▶ Divers have recovered artefacts from the Titanic's sister ship, the Britannic, for the first time since the ocean liner sank in the Aegean Sea more than a century ago after striking a mine during World War I, AP/PTI reports from Athens.

The Culture Ministry in Greece said Monday that an 11-member deep-sea diving team conducted a weeklong operation in May to recover artefacts, including the ship's bell and the port-side navigation light. The White Star Line's Britannic, launched in 1914, was designed as a luxury cruise liner but was requisitioned as a hospital ship during World War I.

Actors Colin Farrell and Margot Robbie attend the world premiere of "A Big Bold Beautiful Journey" in New York City on Monday. AFP

Tensions flare as Chinese, Philippine ships collide

Incident occurs near disputed shoal in South China Sea

BEIJING, AP/PTI

A photo released by the Philippines shows a damage ship after being hit by water cannon from the China Coast Guard in the South China Sea on Tuesday. REUTERS

China's coast guard accused a Philippine ship of deliberately ramming one of its vessels on Tuesday near Scarborough Shoal, a disputed territory that both countries claim in the South China Sea.

A coast guard statement said more than 10 Philippine government ships coming from various directions entered the waters around the shoal, which is called Huangyan island in Chinese. It said it deployed water cannons against the vessels.

The encounter came six days after China announced it was designating part of Scarborough Shoal as a national nature reserve. There was no immediate comment from the Philippines. The government in Manila said last week it was filing a diplomatic protest against the designation of a nature reserve at what it calls Bajo de Masinloc.

China and the Philippines have clashed repeatedly around outcroppings in the South China Sea, which China claims almost in its entirety. The two countries are among several that have competing claims to territory in the waters, which are of strategic importance and home to valuable fishing grounds.

The Chinese coast guard statement blamed the Philippines for Tuesday's collision, calling its actions both provocative and egregious. Several friendly countries have backed the Philippines on the nature reserve. A statement from US Secretary of State Marco Rubio called the Chinese action "yet another coercive move to advance sweeping territorial and maritime claims in the South China Sea at the expense of its neighbours."

China deploys new aircraft carrier to South China Sea

China on Tuesday dispatched its new aircraft carrier 'Fujian' to the disputed South China Sea (SCS), amid growing maritime tensions with the Philippines over a disputed shoal leading to naval vessels of both countries colliding with each other to assert their claims. Fujian, the third aircraft carrier of the Chinese navy, has not yet been officially operationalised. It has sailed into the South China Sea for testing and training, with its construction progressing as needed, the Defence Ministry here said on Tuesday.

India against mediation on bilateral issues, says Pak

ISLAMABAD, PTI: Pakistan's Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar has said that India has rejected third-party mediation, insisting that issues must remain bilateral, as he emphasised that Islamabad seeks friendly relations with all neighbours, including Delhi.

Dar, who also serves as Deputy Prime Minister, made the remarks in an interview with Al Jazeera in Doha on the sidelines of the Arab-Islamic summit, where he also spoke about the Israeli strike on Qatar.

When asked about negotiations with India or Pakistan's openness to third-party involvement, Dar replied: "We don't mind, but India has categorically been stating it's a bilateral matter." He recalled that when he met US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in Washington on July 25 and raised the question of dialogue with India, Rubio made clear that New Delhi views it as a "bilateral issue."

According to Geo News TV, Dar reaffirmed that Pakistan seeks friendly ties with all its neighbours, including India, but warned that the country's sovereignty would never be compromised.

Dar reiterated that Pakistan had always supported peaceful resolution of conflicts through dialogue and believed negotiations were the best way forward — provided there was sincerity and seriousness from all sides.

Masood Azhar's family members killed in Indian strikes, says JeM

LAHORE, PTI

A Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) commander has admitted that the family of the terror group's chief Masood Azhar was "torn into pieces" in the Indian missile strikes on May 7 on the outfit's headquarters in Bahawalpur, Pakistan.

In a viral video uploaded to a YouTube channel on Tuesday, JeM commander Ilyas Kashmiri can be heard fuming over the Indian attack that killed the family members of Azhar and also bragging about fighting in neighbouring countries for Pakistan.

Kashmiri is reportedly speaking in Urdu at the Mission Mustafa Conference in Pakistan's Punjab province on September 6.

Standing among several gun-wielding men, he said: "To protect the ideological and geographical boundaries of this country, we hit (wage a jihad in) Delhi, Kabul and Kandhar. And after sacrificing everything, on May 7, Maulana Masood Azhar's family members in Bahawalpur were torn into pieces (in Indian strikes)."

Tensions between India and Pakistan soared after terrorists killed 26 people, mostly civilians, in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22.

In a powerful retaliation to the Pahalgam massacre, Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes on the terror targets, including Bahawalpur, a stronghold of the JeM terror group, on May 7 as part of Operation Sindoor.

A statement attributed to Azhar had said that India's attack on Jamia Masjid Subhan Allah in Bahawalpur, some 400-km from Lahore, resulted in the death of 10 of his family members and four close associates.

Those killed included Azhar's elder sister and her husband, a nephew and his wife, another niece, and five children from his extended family.

The statement further mentioned that the attack also claimed the lives of one of Azhar's close associates and his mother, along with two other close companions.

The Pakistan Army generals, senior police officers, and top bureaucrats had attended the funerals of those killed in Indian strikes.

Bahawalpur became the hub of the JeM after the release of Azhar in exchange for the hijacked passengers of IC-814 in 1999.

MORAL POLICING

Taliban leader bans WiFi

JALALABAD, AP/PTI

The Taliban leader banned fibre optic internet in an Afghan province to "prevent immorality", a spokesman for the administration said on Tuesday.

It's the first time a ban of this kind has been imposed since the Taliban seized power in August 2021, and leaves government offices, the private sector, public institutions, and homes in northern Balkh province without WiFi internet. Mobile internet remains functional, however.

Haji Attaullah Zaid, a provincial government spokesman, said there was no longer cable internet access in Balkh by order of a "complete ban" from the leader Hibatullah Akhundzada. "This measure was taken to prevent immorality, and an alternative will be built within the country for necessities," Zaid told The Associated Press. He gave no further information, including why Balkh was chosen for the ban or if the shutdown would spread to other provinces.

One Balkh resident noticed connectivity issues a few days ago at home and contacted his service provider, which said it was a technical issue that would be resolved. "Blocking the internet is beyond my comprehension in such an advanced era," said the resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of Taliban reprisals. He said that he rarely used mobile internet because it was slow and expensive.

'One of the lions has passed': Robert Redford dies at 89

LOS ANGELES, AFP

Robert Redford. AFP FILE

Cinema legend Robert Redford, a screen great both in front of and behind the camera whose career spanned six decades, died early on Tuesday morning at his home in Utah, his publicist said. He was 89.

Redford died in his sleep, and a specific cause was not given, according to a statement by Cindi Berger, the chief executive of publicity firm Rogers & Cowan PMK.

"Robert Redford passed away on September 16, 2025, at his home at Sundance in the mountains of Utah -- the place he loved, surrounded by those he loved," Berger said.

The tousled-haired and freckled heartthrob made his breakthrough alongside Paul Newman as the affable outlaw in the Western "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" in 1969. After 20 years as an actor, he moved behind the camera, becoming an Oscar-winning director and co-founding the flagship Sundance festival for aspiring independent filmmakers.

A committed environmental activist, Redford also fought to preserve the natural resources of Utah, where he lived. He was born on August 18, 1936, in Santa Monica, California. He had four children with his first wife, Lola Van Wagenen, one of whom died as an infant. He married German artist and longtime girlfriend Sibylle Szaggars in 2009.

A household name in English-language cinema around the world, Redford won a directing Oscar for his 1980 film "Ordinary People," as well as an honorary award in 2002.

Tributes began to pour in Tuesday for the screen great.

"One of the lions has passed. Rest in peace my lovely friend," said Meryl Streep. Jane Fonda mourned Redford, a fellow activist, as "a beautiful person in every way." US President Donald Trump hailed the actor as "great." "Robert Redford had a series of years where there was nobody better," Trump said.

China asks US to withdraw missile from Japan

BEIJING, PTI: China on Tuesday asked the US to withdraw its mid-range Typhon missile system deployed in Japan, saying it poses a substantive threat to regional strategic security.

In disregard of China's grave concern, the US and Japan went ahead with the deployment of the medium-range missile system in Japan under the pretext of joint military exercises, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said. "China strongly deplores and firmly opposes the move.

The US deployment of the Typhon medium-range missile system in Asian countries undermines the legitimate security interests of other countries and fuels the risk of regional arms race", he said.

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Palestinians move with their belongings following evacuation orders. AFP

50 dead as Israel launches Gaza ground assault

JERUSALEM/CAIRO, REUTERS: Israel unleashed a long-threatened ground assault on Gaza City on Tuesday, declaring "Gaza is burning" as Palestinians there described the most intense bombardment they had faced in two years of war.

Gaza health officials reported at least 50 people killed on Tuesday, most in Gaza City, as airstrikes swept across the city and tanks advanced.

An Israel Defence Forces official said ground troops were moving deeper into the enclave's main city, and that the number of soldiers would rise in coming days to confront up to 3,000 Hamas combatants the IDF believes are still in the city.

In launching the assault, Israel's government defied European leaders threatening sanctions and warnings from even some of Israel's own commanders that it could be a costly mistake.

Another report facing page

State Cabinet okays acquisition of 1.34L acres for UKP

BENGALURU, DHNS

MEGA PROJECT
Land to be submerged: **75,563 acres**
Land for canals: **51,837 acres**
Land for rehabilitation: **6,467 acres**
Total land to be acquired: **1,33,867 acres**

In a move that could lead to a legal fight with Maharashtra, the state Cabinet decided on Tuesday to acquire more than 1.33 lakh acres of land through a consent award for the Upper Krishna Project 3 (UKP-3) over three financial years to increase the height of the dam from 519.6 metres to 524.526 metres.

Addressing reporters after the special Cabinet meeting, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said: "The Krishna Water Dispute Tribunal has given its award to increase the height of the Almatti Dam from 519.6 metres to 524.256 metres. As many as 5.97 lakh hectares of land (14-15 lakh acres) will be irrigated. It is a big project that will water the lands of farmers in that region, thus raising their living standards."

Siddaramaiah

Of the overall 1,33,867 acres of land needed, 75,563 acres will be submerged, canals will be constructed on 51,837 acres of land and 6,469 acres will be for rehabilitation.

The chief minister explained that for the land being submerged, Rs 40 lakh per acre would be paid for irrigated land, while Rs 30 lakh would be provided to barren lands.

For lands where canals will be created, Rs 30 lakh will be provided to irrigated land, while Rs 25 lakh will be provided to barren lands, the chief minister said.

Siddaramaiah explained that the compensation amount for the lands where canals are expected was lower since they will benefit from irrigation.

"This will cost around Rs 15,000-20,000 crore a year. The project will cost around Rs 70,000 crore. All our MLAs, farmer representatives, activists and ministers have taken responsibility of convincing the farmers. We are probably also confident that they will agree to it. This is a historic decision. The Congress government always acts as it says."

▸ UKP, Page 5

15 dead as rain, cloudburst leave Uttarakhand reeling

300 rescued in different parts; huge damage to infra

LUCKNOW, DHNS

At least 15 people were killed and 16 missing as torrential rain and cloudbursts pummelled Dehradun and nearby places in Uttarakhand early on Tuesday morning, damaging roads, bridges, hotels and shops.

More than 300 were rescued from different locations in the hill state as swollen rivers cut a trail of destruction. The Tons river inundated the famous Tapkeshwar temple on its bank, submerging the gigantic Hanuman statue near its entrance up to the shoulders.

Houses near the river lie in ruins at Sahastradhara in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, on Tuesday. PTI

Sahasradhara, the city's popular picnic spot known for its sulphur springs, was the worst-hit. Three people are still missing and dozens of hotels and restaurants have been damaged.

In Karligad village, a cloudburst flooded a seasonal river, cutting off connectivity with nearby areas. Three villagers were buried under debris while several houses were destroyed. A State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) team built a temporary bridge to rescue 70 stranded villagers.

▸ Cloudburst, Page 5

US, India eye early signing of trade deal

Delhi said to be firm on penal tariff being scrapped

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

India and the United States on Tuesday decided to "intensify efforts" to achieve early conclusion of a mutually beneficial bilateral trade agreement, renewing a sense of optimism after months of diplomatic tension following the imposition of 50% tariff by the Donald Trump administration.

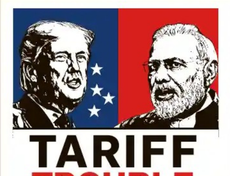
Trade officials from the two countries led by chief negotiators held the first in-person meeting after the escalation of tariff tensions.

Negotiations from the Indian side were led by Special Secretary in the Department of Commerce Rajesh Agrawal while the Assistant US Trade Representative for South and Central Asia Brendan Lynch led the US team at the negotiating table.

"Acknowledging the enduring importance of bilateral trade between India and the US, the discussions were positive and forward looking, covering various aspects of the trade deal," the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry said in a statement after the talks.

A spokesperson at US Embassy in New Delhi said that Lynch had a "positive meeting" with his counterpart in India's Ministry of Commerce and Industry Agrawal to discuss "next steps" in bilateral trade negotiations.

▸ Trade deal, Page 5



- Chief negotiators hold first in-person meet after escalation of tariff tensions
- Special Secy, Dept of Commerce, Rajesh Agrawal talks to Assistant US Trade Representative for South and Central Asia Brendan Lynch
- This is first high-ranking US trade official's visit to Delhi after US imposed the 50% tariff on India

Stock markets rebound

Stock markets rebounded on Tuesday with the benchmark Sensex climbing nearly 595 points on renewed optimism over the resumption of the India-US trade talks.

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SC order — P 5

State forms SITs to look into illegal grant of forest land

The government has complied with a Supreme Court order to set up SITs to check illegal grant of forest land. On May 15, the Supreme Court ordered state chief secretaries to constitute SITs to examine whether "any reserved forest land with the Revenue Department has been allotted to private individuals/institutions for a purpose other than forestry".

Public hearing — P 5

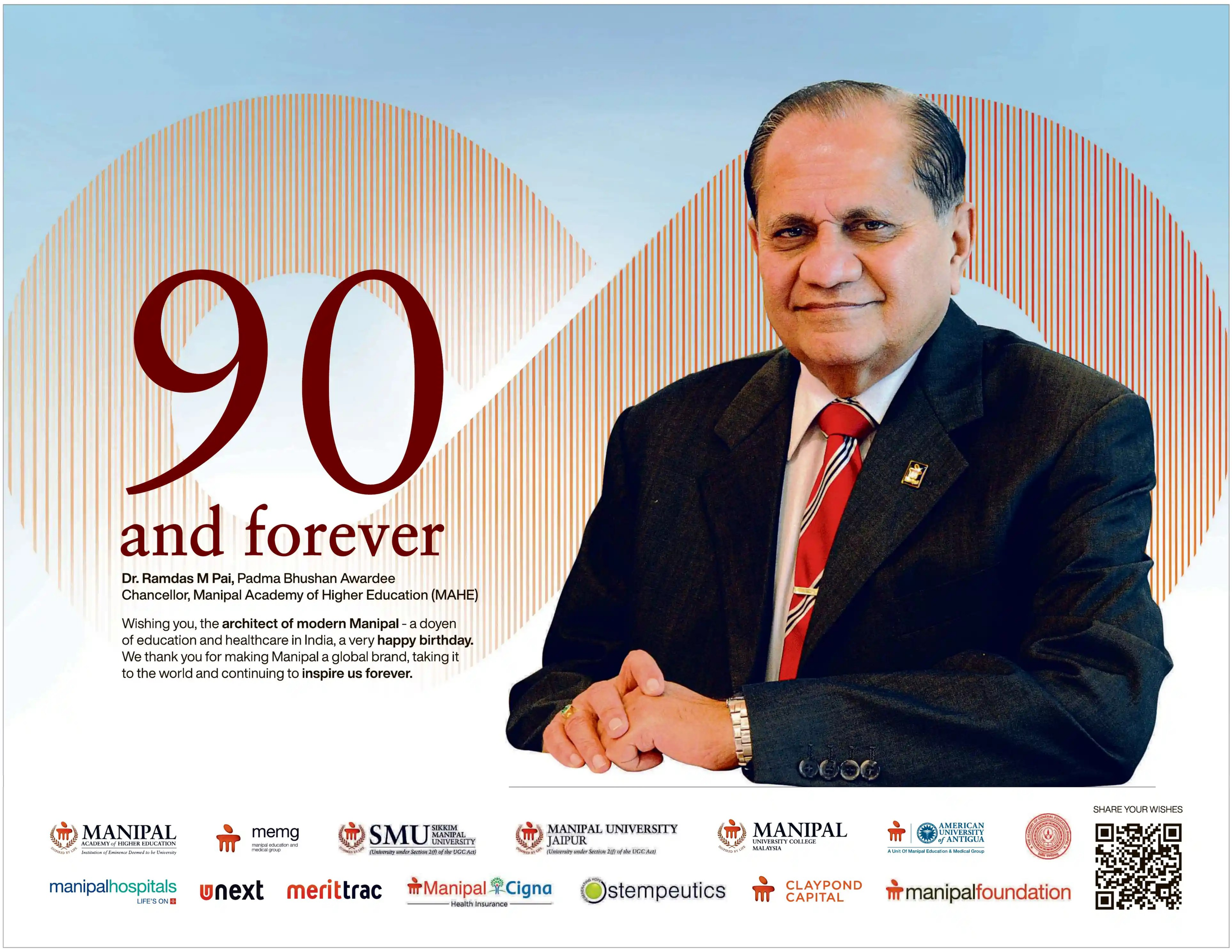
Sharavathi: Villagers oppose displacement again

Villagers who attended the public hearing on the Sharavathi pumped storage project, which was held at Kargal in the district on Tuesday, said that they were already displaced by the hydroelectric power projects in the Sharavathi valley earlier and that they would face hardships if they are going to be displaced again for the new proposed project.

Rs 579 crore deal? — P 12

Apollo Tyres jersey sponsor of Indian cricket team

Apollo Tyres has been locked in as the new jersey sponsor for the Indian cricket team for two and a half years following the exit of online gaming platform Dream 11, the BCCI announced on Tuesday. It is reliably learnt that the deal, that will run through March 2028, is valued at Rs 579 crore. The BCCI was left without a sponsor for after the ban on real money gaming platforms.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Corporation commissioners push for road, ward upgrades

BENGALURU, DHNS: Bengaluru East City Corporation Commissioner DS Ramesh urged officials to fast-track road widening by issuing transferable development rights (TDR). He also directed engineers to address pothole complaints received on the 'Fix My Street' app and from the traffic police.

In South City Corporation, officials seized 1,300 kg of banned single-use plastic and collected a fine of Rs 2.95 lakh.

Bengaluru West City Corporation Commissioner Rajendra KV inspected the Basavanagudi mustering point, footpaths in NR Colony, the maternity hospital, and Kempabudhi Lake.

Bengaluru City Corporation Commissioner Rajendra Cholan instructed officials to prepare a feasibility report to transform Sunkenahalli ward into a model ward. During inspections in Gandhi Bazaar, he directed them to ensure street vendors operate only in designated zones. He also proposed walkathons and cultural events on the redeveloped road before visiting the multi-level parking facility.

Bengaluru North City Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar visited mustering centres and transfer stations in Sarvagna Nagar constituency. He noted that fewer auto-tippers and compactors had been deployed than required.

GBA re-allocates budget; West gets biggest share

Rs 1,707 crore shared among five corporations

TENTATIVE BUDGET

	Rs 555 cr Bengaluru West	Rs 316 cr Bengaluru South
Rs 367 cr Bengaluru North	Rs 155 cr Bengaluru East	Rs 313 cr Bengaluru Central
Rs 1,707 cr TOTAL	Rs 1,432 cr GBA	
Rs 3,139 cr OVERALL		

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

Following the dissolution of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has re-allocated its revenue among the newly carved city corporations.

While the five corporations will together control Rs 1,707 crore, more than 45% of the funds — about Rs 1,432 crore — will remain with the GBA, the apex body.

The five corporations, which came into effect on September 2, will soon present a supplementary budget to plan resources and expenses.

As per tentative allocations, Bengaluru West — the most populous of the five corporations — has emerged as the biggest beneficiary with Rs 555 crore (17.7%).

Bengaluru East — which covers just two assembly constituencies but contributes the highest property tax — is at the bottom with Rs 155 crore (4.9%).

Bengaluru North, South and Central have received more or less the same allocations, ranging from Rs 367 crore to Rs 313 crore.

The funds, allocated for six months of the 2025-26 financial year, will be used under three categories: establishment expenses (salary payments), administration, and operation and maintenance of projects, including welfare programmes.

Going by the allocations, the GBA has retained authority to take up major infrastructure works and solid waste management (SWM), including door-to-door garbage collection. Services such as health, education, horticulture, urban forestry and social welfare — local in nature — will almost entirely come under the corporations. Planning and regulation has been shared equally between the GBA and the corporations.

Anticipating a shortage of revenue to run the corporations, the government has allocated Rs 300 crore to ensure continuity in municipal governance. As per an order dated September 9, each corporation will receive Rs 25 crore.

However, the corporations will have to wait six months to present their full budget, when they will also be able to spend their entire revenue within the corporation.

In terms of population density, Bengaluru Central tops the list, while Bengaluru East is the largest in area (square kilometres).

DyCM asks cops to identify people dumping garbage

BENGALURU, DHNS: Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday said the traffic police have been asked to provide CCTV footage of people dumping garbage in public places.

He added that the police will also share details of potholes with corporations on a regular basis.

He was speaking to the media after a meeting with cabinet ministers and senior officials of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).

"I see a lot of garbage next to the roads. Whoever dumps garbage by coming in vehicles will be traced with the help of the police," he said.

Shivakumar also directed the corporations to give in writing the number of days they would take to fill the potholes.

"I have asked the commissioners to inform the places they plan to inspect. We do not want engineers to sign bogus bills by approving works not done. I have informed the commissioners not to trust the engineers completely."

Lokayukta directs GBA commissioners to set up dog shelters

BENGALURU, DHNS: Lokayukta Justice BS Patil has directed all commissioners of the Greater Bangalore Authority (GBA) to establish dog shelters.

The order came during a hearing on September 15.

The hearing addressed issues of solid waste management, stray dog menace, and lake rehabilitation across the five corporations under the newly formed GBA.

Justice BS Patil

Commissioners of all five corporations were present.

Justice Patil ordered the identification of stray dogs within each jurisdiction to facilitate treatment and the construction of shelters.

For improved waste disposal, he suggested installing CCTV cameras at blackspots to curb littering, along with awareness campaigns and fines against repeat offenders.

On lake rehabilitation, he asked commissioners to clear encroachments, prevent wastewater entry into lakes, and submit reports on action taken.

Tech company announces ORR exit due to traffic snarls

ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

Slow-moving traffic on the Marathahalli-Sarjapur stretch of Outer Ring Road. DH FILE PHOTO

Bengaluru, DHNS: Bengaluru-based logistics tech company BlackBuck, formerly known as Zinka Logistics Solutions, is planning to move out of Vaswani Presidio, ORR, Kadubeesanahalli, due to "traffic and pathetic road conditions".

In a post on X, Rajesh Yabaji, co-founder and CEO of BlackBuck, said, "ORR (Bellandur) has been our "office + home" for the last 9 years. But it's now very-very hard to continue here."

"We have decided to move out as the average commute for my colleagues shot up to 1.5 plus hrs (one way); Roads full of potholes & dust, coupled with the lowest intent to get them rectified," he said, adding that he did not see any of the ongoing issues being rectified in the next five years.

The company has over 1,500 employees, and is backed by marquee investors, including B Capital, Accel and Goldman Sachs. Yabaji, however, did not mention where he is planning to shift the office.

Krishna Kumar Gowda, General Secretary, Greater Bengaluru IT Companies and Industries Association, told *DH* he was saddened by Yabaji's announcement and would try to ensure that BlackBuck wouldn't leave Bengaluru.

Multiple firms along the ORR are contemplating the same move, he fears.

"We express deep concern over the continued infrastructure neglect along ORR, exemplified by slow-moving traffic, endless potholes, and unreliable commute times. The decision of leading firms to move out highlights the urgent need for government intervention. We call for a transparent roadmap to improve roads, metro connectivity, and public utilities," he said.

The social media post, however, opened a can of worms, with several corporate and startup employees raising similar concerns.

Suhas Reddy, who works at Northern Trust in Brookefield, spends about an hour one-way on his commute from Kalyan Nagar.

Corporate workers said the traffic was especially worse on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

"There have been days when I have spent about two hours stuck in traffic in the evenings. It is extremely tiring. Morning rush hour isn't any better either. To make matters worse, my company is asking us to ditch the hybrid model and work from the office daily. But we're against this due to the traffic mess. It impacts productivity," said Sneha ST, an IT professional at a Bellandur-based firm.

Public transport only solution, says police chief

State police chief MA Saleem said improving public transport was the only way forward.

"No traffic diversion will help unless public transport is prioritised. The metro work on the ORR will soon wrap up, and this will provide some relief. Also, the bus priority lanes (BPL) will also return on the ORR."

Metro Phase 3 construction pushed to June 2026

BENGALURU, DHNS

Namma Metro now plans to begin construction on Phase 3 in June 2026, instead of the earlier target of January.

Pre-construction activities — land acquisition, utility shifting, and tree-cutting — are moving at a slower pace than expected, according to officials in the know.

In a presentation for the second and final environmental stakeholder meetings, which began on September 13 and will conclude on September 17, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) announced that construction on Phase 3 would begin in June 2026 and operations in May 2031.

The 44.65-km Phase 3 will expand Bengaluru's metro network to 222.2 km.

A senior official indicated that tree-cutting approvals may come only by mid-2026.

On Tuesday, the BMRCL held the fourth session of its final environmental stakeholder meetings.

The official, who was present at the meeting, said the number of trees that would make for Phase 3 had been reduced from 11,137 to 6,700.

Geotechnical investigations for Phase 3 have been completed. DH FILE PHOTO

The BMRCL has obtained the necessary permissions to remove or translocate about 1,100 trees along Corridor 1's Package 1 (JP Nagar 4th Phase to Mysuru Road, 10.88 km). "We have received the necessary approvals and begun work," he told *DH*.

Tree enumeration for Package 2 (Mysuru Road to Kanteerava Studio, 10.6 km) and Package 3 (Kanteerava Studio to Kempapura, 10.67 km) is still ongoing, he said.

"After enumeration, a tree expert committee will meet to review our requirement and we will receive an official memorandum," he added.

The BMRCL plans to undertake compensatory afforestation within the city limits, planting 10 native trees for every affected tree, he stated.

The official said tree-cutting approvals usually come in a phased manner, in line with groundwork requirements.

"Land acquisition, tree-cutting and utility shifting have to be in sync for groundwork to start," he said.

As per the environmental impact assessment of Phase 3, the loss of tree cover, along with dust generated during excavation, material transport and construction activities, as well as emissions from diesel generators, will likely worsen the environmental situation for areas in southern, western and northwestern Bengaluru.

To mitigate these effects, the BMRCL has proposed compensatory afforestation under a Rs 43.53-crore environmental monitoring plan.

Dattatraya T Devare, of the nonprofit Bangalore Environment Trust, who attended Tuesday's meeting, emphasised the need to revise the Detailed Project Report after the cabinet approved the Rs 9,700-crore double-decker plan. "This (double-decker plan) is a major change... the DPR needs to be thoroughly revised," he wrote to the BMRCL on September 15.

BTP issues traffic advisory to decongest ORR

BENGALURU, DHNS: In an attempt to decongest the Outer Ring Road (ORR), the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) on Wednesday issued a traffic advisory for a week in the limits of the HAL Airport traffic police station.

From September 19 to 26, all vehicular movement will be temporarily restricted from Outer Ring Road to Marathahalli via Kadubeesanahalli service road near Le Arabia, Biryani Zone and Croma Junction.

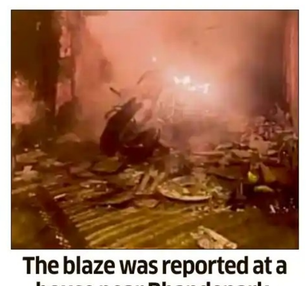
Alternative routes

Vehicles coming from Mahadevapura Outer Ring Road towards Marathahalli are to take the Kadubeesanahalli service road, proceed via the service road near Kalamandir, take a U-turn near the Marathahalli Kanti Sweets underpass, turn left near Marathahalli bridge, and continue on the service road to reach Munnekolala, Kadubeesanahalli Junction, Panathur, and Kariyammana Agrahara.

Four hospitalised after Devarachikkanahalli fire

BENGALURU, DHNS: A fire broke out early Tuesday in Devarachikkanahalli, leaving four people injured and two motorcycles destroyed.

The blaze, reported around 2.40 am at a house on 3rd Cross, Krishna Layout, was suspected to have been caused by a short circuit in the electric meter board.



The blaze was reported at a house near Bhandepark.

Residents who noticed the fire alerted the police. A Hoysala patrol unit was the first to reach the spot. Officers found four people trapped on the ground floor, unable to escape due to the thick smoke. They rescued the victims and rushed them to a private hospital for first aid.

The injured were identified as Sheela, 44, Gopi, 49, Abhishek, 18, and Ramya, 28. Sheela sustained serious injuries, while the others suffered minor ones. All were later shifted to Victoria Hospital for further treatment.

Two other residents of the building's third floor suffered minor injuries and were treated on-site. The fire also destroyed two motorcycles parked near the meter board.

Designer festive creations from RmKV Silks

RmKV Silks has come a long way in the past 101 years. A salient feature has been the launch of exquisite silk sarees. They have been conceptualised at the RmKV Design Studio and woven by RmKV master weavers using innovative techniques. RmKV Silks is launching 15 new silk sarees for this festive season. They are based on inspirations from Japanese art and Indian heritage.

DH RmKV Silks

Sashiko Reversible
This reversible silk saree is a handwoven marvel that offers two graceful looks in one. It is a rich dark green on one side and a warm sunset orange on the other, each with its own contrasting border and pallu. Delicate floral motifs in shimmering zari dance across the body.

Korvai Japan
It is a luminous fusion of Indian craftsmanship and Japanese artistry. Its regal crimson border is intricately woven in pure gold zari, featuring traditional Japanese motifs that symbolise resilience and good fortune. A vibrant red-green pallu showcases a radiant floral medallion encircled by elegant vines, while delicate olive-green Hanabishi flower buttas bloom across the body.

Mount Fuji
It showcases delicate Sakura (cherry blossom) and bold Asanoha (hemp leaf) patterns flourishing along a traditional gold zari border, accented by vibrant orange silk that glows like the dawn sky. The pallu unfolds into a breathtaking woven panorama - a serene Mount Fuji framed by blossoming cherry trees, with an elegant pagoda and distant torii gate.

Natural Peach Gradient
Six harmonious peach tones flow from deep coral to delicate blush across the body, each check outlined in fine gold zari and blooming with a tiny lotus. A vibrant green border and pallu tinted with Nature's indigo and marigold carry subtle wave motifs in shimmering zari.

Mocha Mousse
This rich coffee-brown colour was achieved with pure betel nut and catechu dyes, creating a smooth monotone canvas. Gliding across the drape are graceful Tancho crane motifs woven in gleaming silver zari, their outstretched wings symbolizing longevity.

Van Gogh Lino
Its luminous salmon-pink body blooms with golden zari poppies and almond blossoms outlined in vivid magenta silk. It is 40 per cent lighter than traditional silk and features a flowing pallu inspired by Van Gogh's 'Field of Irises'.

Rasaleela Silk Saree
It is intricately woven and adorned with shimmering golden zari and rich meena work, peacock feather motifs grace the borders and delicate buttas exude a mystic charm.

Dubla Lino Varna
A striking peacock-blue border and pallu in pure gold zari create a rich contrast, adorned with flowing Jamdhani patterns that frame the saree in elegance.

Natural Chrysanthemum
Its signature running border merges fluidly into the body for a modern twist on tradition. At the heart is a radiant chrysanthemum motif in gold zari with meena accents, complemented by delicate cherry blossom buttas across the drape. A honeycomb zari pallu adds the final touch of artistry to this handwoven marvel.

Muppagam Natural
Its central panel bursts with a medley of multi-coloured checks interlaced with gold zari for subtle elegance. Flanking this, bold magenta sections are adorned with gleaming parrot motifs celebrating joy. The pattern flows seamlessly into the pallu.

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The stolen watches recovered by the Bengaluru police.

Delivery boy held for stealing 70 expensive wrist watches

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Parappana Agrahara police have arrested a delivery executive for stealing costly wristwatches from his employer, officials said on Tuesday.

The police acted on an FIR filed on September 7, in which a complainant from Critical Logistics accused their employee, 27-year-old Sheshadri Reddy of Hongasandra, of stealing watches, confirmed by CCTV footage.

Reddy's job involved transporting the watches from the seller to his employer.

Reddy, a native of Andhra Pradesh, was arrested near Kudlu Gate. He confessed to the theft. Suspicion had risen as he quit the job abruptly, without notice, 15 days before the FIR was filed.

The police have recovered 70 wristwatches worth an estimated Rs 10 lakh from brands including Fossil, Emporio Armani, and Michael Kors.

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◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

Inauguration Ceremony of Office-bearers: Akhil Bharat Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha; Jayadeva Veerashaiva Bhauna, Nelamangala; 10.30 am.

Inauguration of Journalists' Health Fund: Dasarahalli Journalists Welfare Association; Peenya Industrial Association, Jalahalli Cross; 11 am.

Veera Kannadayodha SR Sudarshan: Karnataka Vikas Ranga; Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road; 5 pm.

Vishwakarma Jayanti: CM Siddaramaiah to attend; Department of Kannada and Culture; Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road; 5 pm.

CULTURAL

Kavenshree Bhavayana: Samriddhi Sangeet School; Kalagrama, Mallattahalli; 4.30 pm.

◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST

Generally cloudy sky with light rain

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	29.0°C
Minimum	21.0°C
Rainfall (as of 8:30 am)	--
Humidity (as of 5:30 pm)	638%
Sunset (Sep 17)	6:20 pm
Sunrise (Sep 18)	6:09 am
Moonrise	1:02 am
Moonset	2:27 pm

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

Gameskraft's ex-finance chief involved in Rs 250-cr fraud

Made fake records to hide losses, alleges company

BENGALURU, DHNS

The city police have registered a case against the former Group Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Gameskraft Technologies for allegedly diverting company funds into futures and options trading, costing the firm over Rs 250 crore.

The suspect is Ramesh Prabhu, 47, a resident of Hebbal, who joined the online gaming company as CFO in 2018.

Gameskraft discontinued operations after the union government recently passed the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025.

The Marathahalli police filed the FIR on September 9 under BNS Sections 316(4) (criminal breach of trust), 318(4) (cheating), 335 (making a false document), 344 (falsification of accounts) and 336(2) (forgery), based on a complaint by Gulshan Yadav, the company's assistant vice-president.

Yadav, 43, told the police that Prabhu, in an email dated March 5, 2025, "voluntarily admitted" to using company money for equity and derivatives trading over the past three to four years.

"He further stated that the total loss from such Equity F&O Trading, per his estimate, exceeded Rs 250 crore. A reading of the email also makes it clear that these activities were carried out without any disclosure or approval. He stated that he would take full responsibility for his conduct, including for breaching the trust reposed in him in his capacity as Group Chief Financial Officer. He claimed that none of the current or former employees of the Complainant Company were aware of his conduct," Yadav was quoted as saying in the FIR.

Cops to issue look-out notice

A senior Bengaluru police officer told DH: "We have learnt that the suspect is currently abroad. He left the country maybe two or three months ago. We have initiated the procedures to issue a look-out circular against him."

The company later conducted a fact-finding review. Records revealed that Prabhu had executed unauthorised financial transactions worth Rs 231.39 crore between FY 2019-20 and FY 2024-25.

"It appears that of Rs 231.39 crore, Rs 211.53 crore was wrongly recorded as 'investments' in the Complainant Company's books of accounts. These 'investments' have a carrying value of Rs 250.57 crore as of March 31, 2024. Finally, it was discovered that an additional amount of Rs 19.86 crore was expensed as 'investments' in FY 2024-25," the FIR noted.

The company was then forced to write off Rs 270.43 crore in its financial statement for FY 2024-25. The FIR also states that Prabhu operated an unauthorised account with RBL Bank, through which he diverted funds for personal use.

"To suppress evidence of his unauthorised conduct and thereby prevent timely detection of these unauthorised trades, the suspect created fake mutual fund statements to support his claim that he had made investments using the Complainant Company's funds," the FIR said.

Two arrested for forging Aadhaar, marks cards

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Hebbagodi police on Tuesday arrested two men running a racket that forged government identification cards and marks cards, which they sold to customers.

The suspects are Yeshwant, 19, of Yarandanahalli and G Raghuveer, 25, of Anekal.

Raghuveer, an ITI graduate, ran Gurudatta Computers, a cybercafe in Hebbagodi, where he and Yeshwant, a PU passout, ran the racket.

Investigations revealed that they sold fake Aadhaar cards for up to Rs 10,000 and marks cards, including SSLC and PUC certificates, for up to Rs 20,000.

The fake documents seized by the police.
BENGALURU POLICE

"The Aadhaar cards were primarily used for booking OYO rooms, while marks cards were used for getting jobs. This has been, prima facie, established during the probe," a police officer said.

The suspects allegedly warned customers not to use the fake certificates for government job applications to avoid detection. A team led by Inspector Somashekar unearthed the racket through informer leads.

"This was an issue of national security. The police used a decoy and secured fake Aadhaar certificates, establishing the offence," the officer added.

On September 10, investigators raided the cybercafe and arrested Yeshwant. They seized a computer, printer, lamination machine, hard disk, two mobile phones, Rs 2,000 in cash and copies of fake Aadhaar and marks cards.

The police have booked the duo under the Information Technology Act, the Aadhaar Act, and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Stalker caught recording videos of women at mall

BENGALURU, DHNS: Two women have alleged that a man stalked them, filmed them, and touched them inappropriately during their visit to a mall in Hebbal.

The burqa-clad women, whose identity is unclear, made the allegations on Monday through a video released on social media.

"When we were exiting the Mall of Asia, we saw the man taking the videos. When we questioned him, he shoved us and touched us inappropriately. The public helped us catch him," one of the women said. The man was handed over to the Kodigehalli police for further proceedings.

The pistol recovered by the police.

Rowdy among seven nabbed with pistol, weapons

BENGALURU, DHNS: Seven people, including a rowdy, were arrested by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) of the Bengaluru police for possessing a pistol and other weapons to commit a crime.

The arrested are Maula alias Dambar Maula, 40, a rowdy-sheeter in Sidlaghatta, Chikkaballapur, and his accomplices Syed Isaac, 22, Afsar Basha, 28, Shebaz, 26, Ibrahim, 26, and Paraman, 25. The CCB later arrested Syed Siraj, 28, who had procured the pistol.

"A pistol, a few ammunition and some deadly weapons were recovered from them," Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said.

The CCB's Organised Crime Wing is investigating what the suspects planned to do with the weapons and who they intended to attack.

They also impounded a car from the suspects.

Police solve two theft cases; recover valuables worth Rs 22L

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Sanjaynagar police have arrested four men in two separate cases, recovering gold ornaments and cash worth Rs 22 lakh.

The arrests are related to a theft at a senior citizen's home and a robbery targeting a retired police officer.

Senior citizen's case

The police arrested Yasin, 25, for allegedly stealing ornaments and cash worth Rs 14 lakh from a house in Bhoopasandra. The complainant reported on September 6 that while he was away, Yasin, a neighbour who occasionally did small tasks for the family, entered his home.

Soon after, 305 grams of gold jewellery were found missing. Questioned on September 7, Yasin confessed. He was remanded to 10 days of police custody on September 8.

During interrogation, Yasin revealed that the stolen goods were at his residence. On September 15, the police recovered 150 grams of gold and Rs 40,000 in cash.

Yasin was sent to judicial custody on September 16.

Cop's case

In a separate case, the police arrested Mosin, 27, Irfan, 21, and Salman, 20, for robbing a retired police officer. The victim complained on September 1 that two men attacked him during a walk, snatching his chain and bracelet.

Acting on intelligence, the police arrested the trio near Boulevard Park on September 10. They confessed to the robbery and to stealing motorcycles.

The suspects were remanded to 10 days of custody on September 11. They admitted to handing over the jewellery to a relative and hiding the stolen two-wheelers.

Between September 12 and 15, the police recovered 80 grams of gold and two motorcycles.

In all, 80 grams of jewellery and three two-wheelers worth Rs 8 lakh were seized. With these arrests, the police have solved six cases. All three were remanded to judicial custody on September 16.

Three held for Rs 50-lakh house burglary; gold, silver recovered

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Jnanabharathi police have arrested three men in connection with a house burglary in Mariyappanapalya and recovered valuables worth Rs 50 lakh, including gold and silver ornaments.

The incident occurred on August 3 when the complainant returned home from a religious function in Koratagere taluk, Tumakuru district, to find the front door broken open. Burglars had ransacked the house, stealing ornaments, silver articles, watches and cash. A case was registered the same day.

Investigations led the police to Abraham, 24, already in judicial custody in another case at the CK Achukattu police station. On August 22, he was taken into 15-day police custody.

During interrogation, Abraham confessed and named two of his accomplices.

Based on his statement, the police arrested Nikhil MK, 25, near Sapthagiri College, Hesaraghatta, on August 27. He confessed and was remanded to six days of custody. A third accomplice, Dhanush, 25, was nabbed near Devihalli, Nelamangala, on September 1 and remanded to 10 days of custody.

During sustained interrogation, the trio revealed they had handed the stolen valuables to a suspect's brother and to friends.

Between August 28 and September 9, the police recovered 423 grams of gold, 710 grams of silver, two watches and Rs 4,156 in cash. They also seized a two-wheeler used in the crime.

The main suspect was sent back to prison on September 4, while the other two were remanded to judicial custody.

Two nabbed from Chennai in Rs 24-lakh gold cheating case

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Halasuru Gate police have arrested two men from Chennai for cheating a city jeweller of gold ornaments worth Rs 24 lakh.

The brothers, part of a trio, had a long business relationship with the victim before committing the fraud. Their third brother is already lodged in the Chennai Central Jail in another case.

The case was registered on February 20 after the manager of a jewellery shop in Nagarathpet filed a complaint. He said he had known the brothers for two years, during which they regularly collected 22-carat gold and returned either 24-carat gold or cash.

On January 6, 2025, the brothers collected 350.25 grams of gold ornaments and failed to return either the gold or the money, prompting the cheating complaint.

The Halasuru Gate police launched an investigation and apprehended two of the suspects in Chennai on September 3. They confessed and also implicated their third brother. The two were brought to Bengaluru and remanded to 11 days of police custody.

The police have recovered 243 grams of gold ornaments.

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What B'luru students are protesting

Nepal's Gen Z movement proves youth have power. Metrolife speaks to young activists in the city

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Nepal's Gen Z protests, which toppled its government, are proof of the power of youth-led movements, Bengaluru-based student groups say. In India too, the nationwide anti-CAA-NRC agitations were sparked by college students, they note. They argue this is because it is the youth that is most adversely affected by government failures — from gaps in education to lack of jobs and rising inflation.

Metrolife looks at some causes student groups in Bengaluru are fighting for, and the impact they have made.

At a Pride event in Bengaluru in August, a member of Students For People's Democracy raised a banner calling for an end to human rights violations around the world.

Common school system

Headquartered in Bengaluru, Karnataka Vidyarthi Sanghatane (KVS) has about 2,000 members, 80% of them college students. It campaigns for a common school system to ensure equitable education for all children, while also addressing issues faced by college students. The group has protested against poor hostel facilities, and fee hikes. According to its president Sarovar Benkikere, they have also intervened to secure long-pending PhD fellowships at Kannada University, and to get withheld marks cards of SC/ST students at Ballari University. The KVS has also demanded farm loan waivers, and social security for contract workers."We also won compensation for a family whose child died of electrocution in a government hostel," he says.

Better roads

Our Mobility Our Voice, started by students of an international school in Whitefield, focuses on road infrastructure. It mapped 139 potholes on a 650-metre stretch of Sarjapur-Varthur Road. It also analysed GPS data from 61 school buses plying the route to show long commute times for students. Its cofounder Lasya Mohan Varma, a Class 12 student, says the aim is to expand the initiative into a citywide federation of schools for sustainable commute by year-end.

Roster violation in recruitment

The Dr B R Ambedkar Student Association at the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), GKVK, Bengaluru, will turn 50 next year. Rooted in Ambedkar's call to 'Educate, Agitate, Organise', it works on education, employment, and social justice.

In 2023, its protests led the government to admit violations in assistant professor recruitment at Shivamogga's agriculture university, though corrective action is still pending in court, says Rahul C R, its president. They also recently pushed the government to reschedule recruitment exams for agriculture officers and assistants at UAS Bengaluru and Raichur until "internal reservation rules are applied". The group continues to oppose the privatisation of agricultural education, which it calls the "biggest injustice against rural students". Rahul says about 80% of its members are first-generation learners from farming families. He believes the seats should be given to deserving candidates and not to those who can simply afford them. The association is also campaigning for the Rohith Vemula Act to end caste- and identity-based discrimination in higher education.

Stood up for Devanahalli farmers

Students For People's Democracy (SFPD), formed in 2024, describes itself as a non-partisan collective against fascist and anti-people policies. It has opposed the alleged forced eviction of the Jenu Kuruba tribe from Nagarahole, and taken up campus issues such as fee hikes and dress-code policing.

They also backed Devanahalli farmers opposing land acquisition, a plan the government scrapped after three years of protest. It was a landmark moment, says Shree, an SFPD member.

Last year, it organised a pride event. It was to challenge pressures exerted by other events on queer members to remain apolitical. Its members have also faced detention.

In February, a few of them were held for holding a press meet condemning the participation of Israel in the Global Investors Meet in Bengaluru. This was a joint protest with other groups.

'RTE survey in 153 schools'

The Karnataka chapter of the Students Islamic Organisation of India (SIO), active for 43 years, has over 800 members ranging from school students to PhD scholars. Its main focus is education. They have been conducting residential summer camps in rural Karnataka to develop soft skills and leadership among students.

"We have also surveyed 153 schools on Right to Education (RTE) implementation and will release the findings in 2026," says public relations secretary Mohammed Hayyan.

The group also holds data privacy workshops, mobilises students on human rights violations in Palestine, and is campaigning for the Rohith Vemula Act.

Challenges, curbs

Students say the biggest hurdle is restrictions on protest. In Bengaluru, demonstrations are limited to Freedom Park, and even there, permissions are hard to get. "When youth in Nepal wanted to protest, they hit the streets. Here, that's not even possible," rues Rahul. Shree recalls waiting at police stations for hours for approvals, sometimes denied without explanation or passed up in favour of events or "non-threatening" protests. Rahul says unless forums for dissent and dialogue, like the freedom to protest and campus elections, are created, future leaders will not emerge and nepotism in politics will continue. "Many politicians rose from student movements. Our association was founded by G Parameshwara, the current home minister," he says. The urban apathy and pressure from families and colleges to remain apolitical are other obstacles.

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Sleight of hand

The handshake controversy is getting a new twist every few hours. Sworn enemies India and Pakistan decided to suspend their hostilities and play cricket. And before you could raise uncomfortable questions, they had an answer: they were playing at a neutral venue–Dubai. And so a good time was had by all, and the match generated a happy haul of moneys, as money is called in the apolitical world of finance. The only thing is, how do you tell your peoples (yeah, that usage is correct, too) that you can't bear the sight of each other? Simple, walk away without shaking hands. Corona pyaar hai. Or, as the Gujaratis say when they feel triumphant, 'Kai po che!'

EVENTS

Journalling workshop

Atta Galatta, Indiranagar, will host a two-hour journalling workshop by Yukti Grover on September 19, 5-7 pm. Anyone aged 18 and up can join. Tickets online. For details, call 96325 10126.

Classical dance

Medai in collaboration with Natanam Institute of Dance presents 'Shankara Bhagavatpada Shivoham Shivoham', a Bharatanatyam presentation by Dr Raksha Karthik and her disciples, on September 20, 5 pm, at Medai — The Stage, Koramangala. The evening will also feature 'Nriyanjali', an Odissi performance by Baisali Mohanty. For tickets and more information, call 98861 07701.

Dr Raksha Karthik

Comic night

'Quadrant Life Crisis — stand-up solo by Navin Kumar', will be held on September 17, 18 and 19, 9 pm, at Cafe Muziris, Indiranagar. Tickets online.

Talk

'Death Literacy in India', a talk about advance care planning by psychologist and end-of-life care researcher Aparna, will be held on September 21, 3.30 pm, at Select Bookshop, Brigade Road. Entry free.

Mishap: Top cop warns sticking head out of sunroof is illegal

Last week, a 6-year-old was injured while using a sunroof in a moving car

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The purpose of a sunroof is for ventilation and air circulation, and not recreation, experts reiterate. Last week, a six-year-old boy in Bengaluru suffered minor injuries while sticking his head out of the sunroof of a moving car. The video, showing the boy's head colliding against an overhead metal barrier, went viral on social media.

"Putting one's head through the sunroof is strictly illegal and stringent action will be taken against offenders," Karthik Reddy, joint commissioner of police (traffic), said, citing the recent case. The cops registered a suo moto case under Section 281 (rash and negligent driving) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

As per numbers shared by some car dealerships *Metrolife* spoke to, cars with sunroofs are popular with families, however not all customers choose the car for the feature. "We have two top-end cars that come with a sunroof. We sell about 18-20 of these on average per month. However, the sunroof feature is not the selling point. It is usually other features, found in the more premium models, that convince customers to buy the car," says Nagayya S M, who works at a Maruti Suzuki car dealership in Koramangala. The cars start at Rs 12 lakh.

The boy suffered minor injuries but the cops registered a case of rash and negligent driving.
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Ajay Singh, director of sales and marketing at Advait Hyundai, shares that about 1,000 cars are sold per month across his dealerships in Karnataka. "Of these, about 80% are SUVs with sunroofs. A majority of the buyers are families with kids," he notes. He adds that 60% of customers come in looking for a car with a sunroof, and about 40% end up buying one.

When Ashish V, a software professional based in Electronics City, bought an SUV in 2021, it was more for its "five-star safety ratings". The sunroof was an added bonus. He uses the sunroof when the car has been parked under direct sunlight for too long, or when it gets too hot inside the car. "Safety is a major concern, given the condition of the roads in our city. So I do not allow my 10-year-old daughter to put her head through it. But even if that weren't the case, I would not allow it," he explained.

A sunroof does not enhance the design of a car in any way, points out Pratap Jayaram, a motorsport engineer who has designed a number of electric vehicles, such as Reva and Mahindra e2o. In cars manufactured earlier, there was an opening that you had to tilt to let the sun in. It didn't budge beyond 30 degrees or so, so one could not really put their head through it. Now, the design has evolved to be fully open. "A sunroof is strictly to let in sunlight or air. At night, one can enjoy a view of the sky and the stars. But it is definitely not for sticking your head or body out of it," says Jayaram.

Outrage over hike in fees for National School of Drama course

Theatre stalwarts fear the premier institution is losing its way and taking the route of commercial institutions

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The regional centre of NSD in Bengaluru was established in 1994.

The theatre community in Bengaluru is outraged over the revision of the fee structure for the National School of Drama's acting course.

Many stalwarts in Kannada theatre are alumni of the institute. Established in 1959 in Delhi, NSD is an autonomous institution under the Government of India's ministry of culture.

The institute's Mumbai centre has announced it is charging Rs 6 lakh for its year-long acting course from this year, with a discount of Rs 1 lakh if the fee is paid at one go.

Noted Kannada poet and theatre person Raghunandana, an alumnus of NSD, says the fee hike is a 'betrayal' of everything that the drama school stood for and fostered. "Students no longer remain students. They become customers and clients," he says. He believes 99% of NSD alumni would not have been able to afford such high fees.

When a government institute starts looking at education from a business perspective, it becomes a matter of concern, says Nataraj Honnavali, a well-known theatre person.

"Mere survival is a challenge for most theatre artistes. They are forced to take up day jobs to support themselves. How will they pay so much?" he says.

B'luru centre status

At the Bengaluru centre of NSD, housed in Kalagrama, Mallathahalli, students pay Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000 as entry fee. They get a Rs 6,000 scholarship every month which covers accommodation and mess charges.

The new fee structure is at the moment only applicable at the Mumbai centre. Honnavalli, who has also taught at NSD, fears it will be extended to other centres as well.

In comparison...

In Karnataka, theatre institutes like Ninasam, Honnavali says, charge only about Rs 20,000, and offer high quality training.

The fee for a year-long course in Indian classical theatre in Varanasi, according to the NSD's official website for the centre, is Rs 150 per month.

Senior journalist and writer G N Mohan fears the new fee structure marks a departure from the basic philosophy that guided NSD all these decades. "NSD began with a vision to understand society through theatre — for the underprivileged and for those for whom education was inaccessible. That is why theatre artistes from different corners of the country travelled to NSD to sharpen their skills," he shares. Mohan believes it's another example of the government's attempt at breaking all intellectual centres.

Mangala N, founder of the troupe Sanchari, says: "Art and theatre cannot be commercialised. Fee structures like this are simply unrealistic for the marginalised. Institutions run by the government have lost their vision, and this makes us all anxious."

A host of Bollywood actors, including Naseeruddin Shah, Om Puri, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Irrfan and Ratna Pathak Shah, studied at NSD.

134 sessions at kids lit fest

The annual Neev Literature Festival, focused on children's books, returns this weekend with the theme 'Stories make us human'.

It will host 80 speakers and feature 134 sessions for children, parents, and educators. A marketplace at the venue will offer over 2,000 curated children's books. The event also includes book launches, author interactions, masterclasses, a book award, and a book-themed quiz.

International guests include Uma Krishnaswami, author of 'Book Uncle and Me', and Emily Drabble, former editor of *The Guardian*'s children's books section. Indian book creators such as Poile Sengupta, Paro Anand, Devika Rangachari, Anushka Ravishankar, Shabnam Minwalla, and Ashok Rajagopalan will also take part.

The festival will explore a wide range of discussions — from the intersection of science and everyday life, to writing for boys, the craft of second-person narration, and the role of artificial intelligence in publishing.

In addition to a new segment for teens aged 15 to 18, the festival has added more masterclasses for adults.

On September 20-21, at Neev Academy, Yemalur. Visit neevliteraturefestival.org

BIC to host 3-day masterclass on India's languages

The Bangalore International Centre will host a three-day masterclass, 'Hegemony, Revolt and Selfhood: India's Encounters with Languages', by noted critic, thinker, and activist G N Devy, from September 18 to 20, 6.30 pm to 8 pm.

It will explore how India's encounters with Sanskrit, Persian, and English shaped its cultural and political landscape.

On September 18, the opening talk, 'Language and Hegemony', will explore how Sanskrit, Persian, and English entered India from beyond its borders and gained cultural dominance, even as the country retained its identity as a linguistic civilisation defined by diversity. The second lecture, 'Decline and Transformation', on September 19, will trace how Sanskrit, Persian, and English, reigned for centuries but eventually gave way to the desi-bhashas rooted in India.

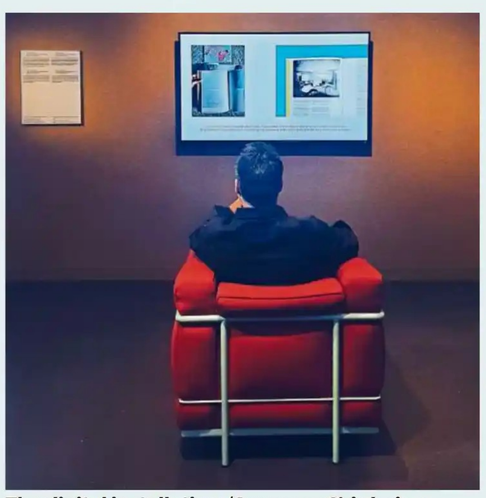
The series will conclude on September 20, with 'Language between Nationalism and Technology', which will reflect on how India's linguistic diversity faces the pressures of nationalism and digital change.

Entry free. RSVP to bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Workshop on sustainable food choices

Science Gallery Bengaluru, Bellary Road, is hosting a workshop on how our food choices impact climate change. Questions like "Is going vegan or vegetarian the best way forward?" and "Should we eat local?" will drive the discussion at the event, titled 'Climate and Food: Getting to the Meat of the Matter'. The session, open to those aged 15-30, is on September 20 at 11 am. *Register on calorie.scigalleryblr.org.*

Bengaluru duo reimagine iconic European armchair


The digital installation, 'Aaram-aa?', is being showcased at the Museum für Gestaltung Zürich in Switzerland.

'Aaram-aa?, the digital installation, questions comfort through a Bengaluru lens

TINI SARA ANIEN
TEAM METROLIFE

Bengaluru architects Bhavana Kumar and Nicola La Noce have given a fresh spin to one of European modernism's most recognisable works — a cube-shaped armchair. Their digital installation, 'Aaram-aa?' is on view at the Museum für Gestaltung Zürich, Switzerland, as part of the museum's 150th anniversary. It re-examines notions of comfort and modernity through a Bengaluru lens.

The project is part of 'Museum of the Future – 17 Digital Experiments', a special exhibition that opened August 29 and runs until February 1, 2026. Supported by the Swissnex global network, the show features six artists and designers from Brazil, China, India, Japan, South Africa, and the USA, each reinterpreting archival objects from the museum's e-collection.

Bhavana and Nicola, co-founders of the Bengaluru architect studio Kumar La Noce, chose to focus on the LC2 or Fauteuil Grand Confort chair. It was designed in 1928 by Le Corbusier, Charlotte Perriand, and Pierre Jeanneret. Bhavana says their reimagining centres on Charlotte's design philosophy and approach to life.

"Here's a chair called comfort.

Bhavana Kumar and Nicola La Noce.

And we are asking ourselves: what is comfort to us in our context — as a physical experience and as an emotional or cultural state? In Kannada, 'aaram-aa?' is a colloquial way of asking 'How are you?'. It can also mean 'Are you comfortable?' or 'Are you at ease?'. This became the starting point of our exploration," says Bhavana.

Developed over a year, the work is a moving digital collage, combining archival images by Charlotte with everyday scenes from Basavanagudi where the duo stays. "Moments such as children walking to school, neighbours chatting near a discarded road divider, or families resting in a park became the raw material," Bhavana explains.

At Zurich, the installation plays near an LC2, still produced by Italian furniture company Cassina. "Visitors can sit on the iconic chair while watching the film. It adds a tactile dimension to the work," she says.

The project also honours Charlotte's photography. Bhavana compares it to candid, journal-like documentation, akin to Instagram culture.

"Charlotte became our fictional guide. Through her lens, we learned to see how comfort surfaces in everyday moments," Bhavana notes.

Art show, VR experience to mark Alzheimer's Day

The city will mark World Alzheimer's Day on September 21 with an art exhibition by elders of Kites Senior Care. Titled 'Colourful Whispers', the show will be held at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat, Kumarakrupa Road, 10.30 am onwards. A day earlier, Nightingales Medical Trust will host 'Smrithi – Memory Wellness Drive', a public awareness programme at Krishna Rao Park, Basavanagudi, starting 9 am. The day-long event will feature free memory and brain health check-ups for seniors, expert talks on dementia prevention and care strategies, and VR booths offering a glimpse into life with dementia. *For details, contact 080 4242 6565.*

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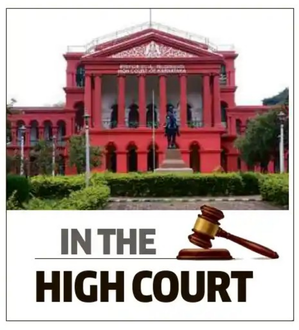
HC sets aside Malur Cong MLA's election, orders recounting

ECI told to act against poll officer for not furnishing video



BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday set aside the election of Congress MLA K Y Nanjegowda from Malur constituency in the May 2023 Assembly election.

Justice R Devadas has directed the Election Commission of India (ECI) to recount the votes within four weeks and declare the result afresh. After the request on behalf of Nanjegowda, the court directed to put the order on hold for 30 days enabling him to appeal before the Apex Court.

The election petition was filed by K S Manjunath Gowda, the defeated BJP candidate in the 2023 Assembly elections. Manjunath Gowda had pointed out several issues that according to him materially affected the result of the election. He stated that the returning officer had violated Rule 66-A of the Conduct of Election Rules and procedure prescribed in the Hand Book for the Returning Officer while obtaining signatures from his counting agents on the Form No 17-C (Part-II). It was also alleged that there was manipulation and overwriting in Form No 17-C.

According to the petitioner, though he had requested immediate recounting of the votes on the counting day itself, May 13, 2023, the requisition was rejected on May 17, 2023, by issuing an ante-dated endorsement dated May 13, 2023. He also sought a direction to declare him as the elected candidate.

The court noted that the petitioner has given sufficient details of the discrepancies in the process of counting.

The court further noted that the video recordings of the counting were not produced. The court said the guidelines on videography cannot be brushed aside as mere guidelines.

"In fact, clause 15.14.9 (Handbook 2019) provides that a CD containing the record of complete videography of the counting process may be given to candidates free of cost, on specific demand. The wisdom behind such directions are not far to seek," the court said.

The court partly allowed the petition after noticing several shortcomings in procedural infirmities in counting of votes and tallying of votes. "It should be mentioned that during the course of the proceedings, when the District Election Officer (DEO) failed to produce the video recordings, this Court issued notice to the Election Commission of India," Justice Devadas said.

"Affidavits were filed by the DEO pursuant to summons issued by this Court along with communications made to the service provider and the reply given by the service provider that it had handed over the hard disk containing the video recordings and upon receipt of all the data, completion certificate was issued to them by the DEO. The Election Commission of India is aware of all these developments, however, all efforts made by this Court to secure the video recordings have gone in vain," the court said, while directing the ECI to take appropriate action against the District Election Officer for not furnishing the video recording.

Will move Supreme Court, says Nanjegowda

Sitting Congress MLA from Malur K Y Nanjegowda said that while he had no objection for recounting of votes he was disappointed by setting aside of his election. He said he will challenge the order in the Supreme Court. "I am surprised by the order. The electorate of the constituency need not worry. The High Court has stayed the order for 30 days and I will approach the SC," he said.

City school accused of imposing penalty for speaking Kannada

KDA asks govt to withdraw the NOC issued to the school

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Sindhi High School in Kumarapark, one of the city's top institutions, is in the dock for allegedly penalising students for speaking in Kannada.

This was revealed by students when the Deputy Director of the Public Instructions (DDPI) visited the school recently.

The Kannada Development Authority (KDA) has asked the government to withdraw the no-objection certificate (NOC) issued to the school as it is affiliated to the Central Board for Secondary Education (CBSE).

Following details shared by Purushothama Bilimale, chairperson of KDA, over the information he received about the school imposing a penalty for students speaking in Kannada, he has asked the DDPI, Bengaluru North, to visit the institution and submit a report.

"In the report submitted by the DDPI, it is mentioned that the principal of the school has accepted that they are imposing a penalty for speaking in Kannada. Even the students have revealed that they were penalised for speaking in Kannada and many students have given it in writing," Bilimale said.

Following the DDPI report, the KDA chairman has written to Minister for School Education Madhu Bangarappa and Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh demanding action against the school.

Bilimale said that he was shocked to read the DDPI's report. "One of the top schools in the city is curtailing the rights of the freedom of expression of the students by penalising them when they speak in Kannada," he mentioned.

School's statement

An authority of Sindhi High School clarified: "It has come to our notice that certain reports have wrongly stated that our school has penalised students for speaking in Kannada. We wish to clarify that this is completely false. No student has ever been punished for using Kannada in our institution.

"The disciplinary action referred to was solely in response to the use of vulgar and inappropriate language, irrespective of the language in which it was spoken.

"Our school has always valued and encouraged Kannada, and holds the highest regard for the language. We have and remain committed to fostering cultural pride, mutual respect, and discipline among our students."

1.11 lakh cases settled in National Lok Adalat

BENGALURU, DHNS: The National Lok Adalat, held on September 13, has disposed of a whopping 1,11,05,960 cases, including 2,42,293 pending cases and 1,08,63,667 pre-litigation cases.

Justice Anu Sivaraman, executive chairperson of the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA), said that an amount of Rs 3,997 crore was settled in various cases.

At a press conference, it was informed that the government had rolled out the 50% concession on traffic Challan cases on the request placed by the KSLSA and the drive between August 2 and September 12, a total of 53,11,589 cases were disposed of across the state and more than Rs 144 crore was collected.

Among the old cases, 1,460 cases (pending for more than five years), 198 cases (pending for 10 years) and two cases (pending for more than 15 years) were settled. Similarly, 10,273 cases under the Negotiable Instruments (NI) Act were settled with a settlement amount of Rs 1,863 crore.

The officials said that 1,446 matrimonial cases were settled, including the cases under CrPC section 125 for interim relief.

"The next Lok Adalat is scheduled on December 13 and we expect that a large number of litigants would settle their pending disputes as well as pre-litigation cases," Justice Anu Sivaraman said.

MLA moots 'St Mary's Basilica-Shivajinagar' name for metro station

SHRADDHA A K
BENGALURU, DHNS

The upcoming Metro station at Shivaji Nagar.

Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad on Tuesday suggested a hyphenated name — St Mary's Basilica–Shivajinagar—for the upcoming metro station in the busy locality.

"It would be disrespectful to both Shivajinagar and the basilica to choose one name. A hyphenated name like St Mary's Basilica–Shivajinagar would honour both legacies and help commuters differentiate between this and the Bamboo Bazaar station," he told reporters.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's assurance to Archbishop Peter Machado during the St Mary's Feast on September 8 to name one of two upcoming Shivajinagar metro stations after St Mary has sparked sharp debate.

Shivajinagar will have two stations—one beside the busy bus terminal linking Russell Market, Commercial Street and St Mary's Basilica, and another at Bamboo Bazaar, a hub for wood and bamboo products.

The proposal drew national attention after Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis condemned it, calling it "an insult to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj."

Many social media users echoed his view, arguing "Bengaluru has no link to St Mary" and that the area's name honours Shivaji.

Over 150 years old, St Mary's Basilica was the first church in Karnataka elevated to minor basilica status and is celebrated for its striking Gothic architecture.

Locals, however, appear largely indifferent. Akshaya P, a college student and daily commuter, said, "It is just a name, we will call it Shivajinagar Metro Station anyway."

Fruit vendor Lakshmi K Swamy welcomed the convenience of a nearby station over Cubbon Park's distance, adding "Compared to the improved access the metro will provide to the city market, the name is unimportant."

Cap on movie ticket prices: HC reserves orders on plea seeking stay

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday reserved its orders on applications seeking an interim order staying the operation of the Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules 2025, which caps movie ticket price at Rs 200 across the state.

After a detailed hearing in the petitions filed by the Multiplex Association of India and others, Justice Ravi V Hosmani indicated that he would pronounce the order on September 23.

The petitioners challenged the September 12, 2025 notification, giving effect to the amended Rules, contending that the proviso to Rule 55 (6) is ultra vires the Karnataka Cinemas Regulation Act, violates Articles 14, 19 (1) (g) of the constitution as well as unreasonable and manifestly arbitrary.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the Association, submitted that a similar government order issued in April 2017, which capped the price at Rs 200, was challenged before the High Court and it was withdrawn later. "History is repeating itself now. Earlier it was by way of Government Order and now amended by a rule," he said, arguing that adding a provision by way of an amendment is arbitrary.

Rohatgi contended that there is no power under the Karnataka Cinemas Regulation Act to fix a price and it does not contemplate ticket price capping. He further said that the multiplexes have spent huge sums of money on creating cinema halls and that the amendment directly restricts cinema owners' right to conduct business.

Senior Advocate Dhyan Chinnappa, appearing for Hombale Films LLP, submitted that a provision is introduced to Rule 55 (6), whereas Rule 55 is in respect of ticket booths and has nothing to do with price fixation. He said that the decision has been taken without any study. "This is a case of non-application of mind, without examination of what goes in making a film and without any empirical data and thus arbitrary," he said.

Another senior advocate D R Ravishankar, appearing for a theatre owner, argued that price of the ticket is a contract between the exhibitor and the movie-goer and the price can vary from one theatre to another. He also said that the Act only provides for regulating exhibition and licensing the venues where films are exhibited in the state.

Responding to these submissions, Additional Advocate General (AAG) Ismail Zabiulla submitted that objections had been filed by some petitioners to a draft notification published on July 15. He also said that it is done in the interest of the general public. The AAG also cited the Apex Court judgement in the Deepak Theatre Dhuri vs State of Punjab and said that the top court has upheld the power of the state to fix admission price.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

BMRCL invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for **"P.Way works including Ballast Supply in PNYD Depot of BMRCL"**. The works details can be obtained from the procurement website. The Tender documents can be obtained and submitted **on or before 23.10.2025 upto 15:00 hrs.** Further details can be obtained from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Director (O&M)

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MUDA:JE/QUOTATION/2025-26 Date: 15.09.2025

Name of work:- Compilation of Topographical survey data and preparation of Base Map

Sealed Quotations are invited for preparing estimation from agency for the above mentioned work by the under signed. The quotations shall be received in this office during the office hours (i.e 10.00 AM to 5-30 PM) except on general holidays. The last date for receipt of Quotations is on 26.09.2025. The detailed specification of work is as follows

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No.: CB/CCRI/Centenary/Tender/2025-26/1051 Date: 12.09.2025

Tender for Selection of Event Management Agency (EMA) to provide end-to-end services for organizing "Centenary Celebration of CCRI- 2025" (through e-Tender)

Coffee Board is a statutory organization under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry located in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Coffee Board invites Proposals for selection of Event Management Agency to provide End-to-End Services for organizing the Centenary Celebration of CCRI - 2025 tentatively scheduled to be held from 6th to 8th November 2025 at Central Coffee Research Institute (CCRI), Coffee Research Station-577117, Balehonnur, Chikkamagaluru District, Karnataka.

Tender Document containing details of event, scope of work along with the schedules and other terms and conditions may be downloaded from the https://eprocure.gov.in or www.coffeeboard.gov.in The last date for submission of Tenders in e-portal is 06.10.2025 at 03:00 p.m.

Coffee Board reserves the right to accept (or) reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason, whatsoever.

Sd/-
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SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Call-2)

The Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites Short-Term tender from eligible contractors registered in KPWD in two tender document system in kpp portal for 15th Finance & PM-ABHIM Works-approximate total project cost is **Rs. 3164.00 lakhs.** Refer KPP Portal for further details.

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **03.10.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **04.10.2025 at 16.01 hrs.**

The tender details can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: 1. All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids / individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. 2. Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on e-procurement portal.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru

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GeM-Tender Notification

District Health and Family Welfare Office, Kolar invites Online GeM Bids for Procurement of Essential Medical Equipment's for the Health Institutes Like PHC's and CHC's across Kolar District. For More Information on the Bid Please refer **GeM web site: https://www.gem.gov.in.** Time Line of Gem Bid **17/Aug/2025 to 01/Oct/2025.** Opening of Technical Bid **Date: 03/Oct/2025 10:30 AM at DHO Office Kolar.** For Further More Information on Bid please visit District Health and Family welfare office Kolar on Office Timings. **(1)** HEAD OF ACCOUNT: 2210-00-106-0-01(051) Rs: 70,00,000/- **(2)** HEAD OF ACCOUNT: 2210-00-101-0-27(051) Rs: 60,00,000/- **(3)** HEAD OF ACCOUNT: 2210-00-103-0-43(051) Rs: 50,00,000/- **(4)** HEAD OF ACCOUNT: 2210-00-106-0-03(051) Rs: 50,00,000/- **(5)** HEAD OF ACCOUNT: 2210-00-103-0-26(051) Rs: 61,52,000/-

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಿಆಸುಇ 388 ಸೆನೆನಿ 2024 ಭಾ-3 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.09.2025ರಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಹಿಂದೆ ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗಾಗಿ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಗಳನ್ನು ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸಿ, ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ ಒಳಮೀಸಲಾತಿಯನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಹಿಂದೆ ಮಹಾಮಂಡಳವು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.08.2025ರ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾದ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.** ಈ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾವತಿಸಿರುವ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕವನ್ನು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಹಿಂತಿರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer,KNNL
No.2 division,Oddarahatti Camp,State:Karnataka

No.EE/KNNL/CD.2/TS/AE-2/2025-26/831 Date:11-09-2025.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Only through e-procurement system)

On behalf of the Managing Director KNNL Bangalore the Executive Engineer No.2 Division Odderahatti camp the undersigned invites in **https://KPPP.Karnataka.gov.in** percentage basis tenders in **Two Cover System** (Services) under H/A 2701 Man Power Supply services of Two Works under this division of **Indent No SE0142 & SE0151.** Pre bid meeting will be held on **dtd. 23-09-2025 @ 11.30 AM** at O/o.EE KNNL No 2 canal Division Odderahatti Camp the last date for submission of tender Document upto **dtd:02-10-2025 upto 5.00** PM details can be viewed from web site **https://KPPP.Karnataka.gov.in** & Date of Opening of Technical Bid on **dtd: 03-10-2025 at 5.05 PM** & Financial Bid on **dtd: 06-10-2025 at 11.00 AM** or after obtaining approval to technical bid. The Officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to reject any all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. For more information visit to website given above or contact at office in all working days during office hours

Sd/-
Executive Engineer KNNL
No.2 Canal Division Odderahatti

DIPR/Koppal/349/DeshpandePublicity/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
U. R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP
HAL AIRPORT ROAD, VIMANAPURA POST, BENGALURU - 560 017.
Phone: 080 2508-4156 / 4318 / 4185
BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

1. On behalf of the President of India, item- rate tender is invited for the following works:

Description	Details
Name of work	Establishment of 870 kWp Roof Top Solar (RTS) Power Plants at various location of URSC, Main Campus & ISITE Campus and DOS/ISRO Housing Colonies at Domlur, CISF Quarters & Barracks, Thippasandra and CISF Quarters & Barracks, Marathahalli, Bengaluru.
E-Tender Notice	URSC/C&MG/E/C/14/2025-26 Dt. 12/09/2025
Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 466.78 Lakhs
Tender Document Details	**E-Tender**
Period of completion in months	Seven (07) Months
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From: 18:10 Hrs on 12/09/2025 To: 23:59 Hrs on 02/10/2025
Bid clarification	From: 19:00 Hrs on 12/09/2025 To:14:30 Hrs on 03/10/2025
Last date and time of reply to Bid clarification.	Upto: 18:00 Hrs on 06/10/2025
Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	Upto: 14:00 Hrs on 09/10/2025
Due date and time of opening of tenders.	14:30 Hrs on 09/10/2025
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**₹ 9,33,560/-**

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/-
Group Director, C&MG, URSC

Cabinet approves separate secretariat for KK region

BENGALURU, DHNS: The government has decided to establish a separate secretariat for the backward Kalyana Karnataka (KK) region, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil said on Tuesday.

Addressing reporters after a special Cabinet meeting, Patil said: "There had been a demand for a separate secretariat for Kalyana Karnataka (Hyderabad Karnataka) region. The Cabinet has approved a separate secretariat. Modalities will be worked out and mentioned in the order to be issued".

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Minister Priyank Kharge, who belongs to the region, hailed the decision.

He posted on X: "With an intention to implement development initiatives more effectively and supervise development works, the Cabinet has approved a secretariat for the region. This will lead to more development of the region".

Priyank said more jobs would be created in Kalyana Karnataka Regional Development Board and offices of DCs in 7 districts.

The D M Nanjundappa committee report, submitted in 2002, had identified 114 backward taluks (39 most backward, 40 more backward & 35 backward). Of the 39 most backward taluks, 26 were in North Karnataka (Kalyana Karnataka & Kittur Karnataka).

Development eludes Kalyana Karnataka after decades of liberation

CM Siddaramaiah to hoist national flag in Kalaburagi today

VITTAL SHASTRI
KALABURAGI, DHNS

Growth has continued to elude Kalyana Karnataka though the region is celebrating 77th year of its liberation from Nizam's rule on Wednesday. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will hoist the national flag in the city to mark the occasion.

The region did not shed "backward" tag even more than a decade after special status accorded to it under Article 371J of the Constitution. All the seven districts have been lagging behind in all sectors including education, irrigation. The per capita income is also falling behind due to historical neglect, stagnant industrial growth, lack of infrastructure and brain drain of the youth to other parts of the state and country.

The ground situation in the region has belied the successive governments' claims on development and progress after six Cabinet meetings conducted in the city.

Therefore, the leaders have claimed that Kalyana Karnataka cannot witness growth until a scientific long-term action plan is prepared for at least five or 10 years. They sought thorough debate on the Karnataka Regional Imbalance Redressal Committee headed by Prof Govind Rao. The report will be submitted next month.

"Prof Govind Rao Committee has conducted a study about backwardness by considering a taluk as one unit. But, the comprehensive development of the region is possible if a gram panchayat is considered as one unit by taking into account health conditions, education, drinking water supply, industries, income of the villagers and other basic infrastructure. Steps should be taken to fill more than 62,000 vacant government posts apart from removing shortcomings in the government circulars on reservations", Kalyana Karnataka Horata Samiti founder president Laxman Dasti said.

Division-wise per capita income* as per 2023-24 economic survey

Bengaluru	5.01
Mysuru	3.59
Belagavi	2.00
Kalaburagi	1.73
No. of backward taluks	
Mysuru	10
Bengaluru	17
Belagavi	19
Kalaburagi	29

*In lakh rupees

One-time package

The leaders have sought elected representatives to exert pressure on the centre to provide a one-time package for the development of the region. Poor exam results have also been cause of concern among the academicians who demand filling of vacant teachers posts.

The reservation in education has brought satisfaction to the people as more than 1,000 students from the region are getting admission to medical colleges every year against the maximum of 150 students earlier. But, they contend that the government has not taken measures for effective implementation of Article 371J.

"The concurrence from the Finance Department is not required to fill the vacant posts in our region after obtaining special status under article 371J. Still, the government is not showing political will to fill the vacant posts in universities and various departments", Dasti argued.

Human Development Index

Meanwhile, Karnataka State Policy and Planning Commission member Sangeeta Kattimani, who is also a member of Prof Govind Rao Committee, said that though scores of human development index in Kalyana Karnataka districts have improved, they are still lagging behind in terms of rankings. She pointed out that Raichur, Yadgir and Raichur stand at the bottom as per human development index report of 2022.

Snake rescuer tortures pythons, absconding

HUBBALLI, DHNS: The Bhadravathi Forest Department officials are on the lookout for one Mohammad Irfan, a self-proclaimed snake rescuer in Shivamogga, for capturing two Indian rock pythons and taping their mouths with gum-tape during their "rescue" on Mathur Road in Indiranagar of the city on Monday.

Multiple videos of the incidents show Irfan dragging the taped snakes on the road while his friends are seen posing with the snakes on their shoulders and pulling them while sitting on a car. The videos, said to be shot on Monday, went viral on social media sites.

Later, when the Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre's office informed about the incident to the local forest officials, they raided Irfan's house and found three Indian rock pythons and two cobras, all Schedule-I species protected under the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972, kept in plastic bags.

Khandre on Tuesday issued orders to act tough against the violators and bring them to books.

Speaking to *DH*, Bhadravathi Deputy Conservator of Forest Ravindra Kumar said Irfan is still absconding after his videos went viral and efforts are being made to arrest him.

"We have recovered five snakes—one male python, two female pythons and two cobras—from his house in Sulebailu. Irfan had helped the department in rescuing snakes earlier. But it is not clear as to why he had kept them at home. It is an offence," he said and added that there was a delay in releasing the snakes back into the forest as the ground staff did not know how to handle snakes.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tender Notice No. 4446-GRC-CE-C-01-15-2025. For & on behalf of President of India, Chief Engineer (CON)/I/GRC invites e-tender for the following work : Following tender has been uploaded on website **www.ireps.gov.in** The tender will be closed at 12.00 hrs. on due date. **Brief Description of Works** : Request for Proposal (RFP) for Appointment of Project Supervision Services Agency (PSSA) for Providing Project Supervision Services at Various Construction Sites/Sections in the jurisdiction of CE/Con/I/GRC, Construction Organization, South Eastern Railway. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 13.13 Crore, **Bid Security :** ₹ 8,06,700/-. **Completion Period** : 24 months. **Closing Date :** 10.10.2025. Interested tenderers may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/ description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **NB :** "Prospective Bidders may regularly visit **www.ireps.gov.in** to participate in all other tenders." **(PR-630)**

F. No. P-L-02001/1/2025-PL
Government of India
Ministry of Environment,
Forest and Climate Change Policy and Law Division
NGT Cell

Level-I,
Jal Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-03

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change invites applications for filling up of the five (05) vacant posts each of Judicial and Expert Members in the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

The qualifications, terms of office, age limit, conditions of service etc. are available on the Ministry's **website www.moef.gov.in.** Details of the advertisement including the Application Form is available at **https://parivesh.nic.in/newupgrade/#/legal-vacancies** in the Ministry's website.

The last date for submitting the application in the Ministry is four weeks from the date of publication 17/10/2025 (23:59 hours (midnight)). All applications together with enclosures have to be submitted online **(https://parivesh.nic.in/newupgrade/#/legal-vacancies).** The Ministry shall not entertain any other mode of submission of application nor shall process any application received beyond the due date and time.

Note : Applicants who have already submitted applications in response to the earlier advertisement dated 29.03.2025, need not apply again and their applications will be considered against all the vacancies notified in the fresh advertisement.

CBC 13101/11/0018/2526

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ADVANCED CENTRE FOR TREATMENT, RESERCH AND EDUCATION IN CANCER (ACTREC)
SECTOR-22, KHARGHAR, NAVI MUMBAI-410 210
Grant-in-Aid Institution of Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India

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Advertisement No.: ACTREC/ADVT/A-13/2025 — 10/09/2025

ACTREC invites applications for the following posts as approved by competent authority:

Sr. No.	Name of the post
1	Consultant 'F' (Clinical Pharmacology) (1-UR)
2	Assistant Professor 'E' Surgical Oncology (Gastrointestinal) (2-UR)
3	Assistant Professor 'E' (Gynaec Oncology) (1-UR)
4	Assistant Professor 'E' (Head & Neck Surgery) (2-UR)
5	Assistant Professor 'E' (Paediatric Surgery) (2-UR)
6	Assistant Professor 'E' (Plastic Surgery) (1-UR)
7	Assistant Professor 'E' (Medical Oncology) (Solid Tumor) (2-UR)
8	Assistant Professor 'E' (Medical Oncology) (Adult Haematolymphoid) (1-UR)
9	Assistant Professor 'E' (Pathology) (5-UR)
10	Assistant Professor 'E' (Medical Gastroenterology) (1-UR)
11	Assistant Professor 'E' (Anesthesiology) (6-UR)
12	Assistant Professor 'E' (Palliative Medicine) (1-UR)
13	Assistant Professor 'E' (Haematopathology) (1-UR)
14	Assistant Professor 'E' (Nuclear Medicine) (2-UR)
15	Assistant Professor 'E' (Radiodiagnosis) (2-UR)
16	Assistant Professor 'E' (Transfusion Medicine) (2-UR)
17	Assistant Professor 'E' (Interventional Radiology) (2-UR)
18	Assistant Professor 'E' Intensivist (Critical Care) (2-UR)
19	Consultant 'E' (Preventive Oncology) (1-UR)
20	Consultant 'E' (Pulmonary Medicine) (1-UR)
21	Consultant 'E' (Infectious Diseases) (2-UR)
22	Consultant 'E' (Cancer Genetics) (1-UR)
23	Clinician Scientist - Cellular Therapy 'E' (1-UR)
24	Assistant Medical Superintendent-II (2-UR)

Online registration of applications made available from 10/09/2025 to 10/10/2025. Last date for online application is 10/10/2025 up to 05.30 p.m. (Indian Standard Time).

For more details please visit our website https://actrec.gov.in
It is mandatory to submit ONLINE application.
Any addendum or corrigendum to this advertisement will be uploaded on above website.

CBC-48160/12/0003/2526 — **Chief Administrative Officer, ACTREC**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Auction for leasing of Parcel Space, Parking & Advertising and Miscellaneous contracts by Bengaluru Division.
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites bidders for E-Auctions on the following dates:
1. Catering & MPS stalls : 18.09.2025, 19.09.2025, 22.09.2025, 23.09.2025, 24.09.2025, 25.09.2025, 26.09.2025, 30.09.2025, 03.10.2025, 06.10.2025, 07.10.2025
2. Parking & Pay and Use : 19.09.2025, 26.09.2025
3. Parcel : 18.09.2025, 19.09.2025, 22.09.2025
4. Advertising ATM & Misc : 19.09.2025, 22.09.2025, 25.09.2025, 26.09.2025, 29.09.2025, 30.09.2025
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager
PUB/471/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Bengaluru**
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S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender Notice No. : SRC-C-INTOBHS-DT-15.09.25, Sr. Coaching Depot Officer, Santragachi, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur Division, acting through the President of India invites an open tender, through e-tendering in **www.ireps.gov.in** website as per details mentioned below. Eligible tenderers are requested to apply for the same through online only in **www.ireps.gov.in** website as per details mentioned below. No offline tender will be accepted. Please read the tender document uploaded in the document section for details. **Name of the work:** Integrated OBHS for round trip journey and Mechanized Coach cleaning for Howrah-Puri & Howrah-Rourkela Vande Bharat Express for a period of 2 years. **Tender Value:** ₹ 5,33,43,327.93 (including GST). **EMD:** ₹ 4,16,700/-. **Closing date of tender :** 13.10.2025 at 12:00 hrs. **Cost of tender document :** ₹ 10,000 (non-refundable). **(PR-631)**

DOCUMENT LOST

I, **N. Gangareddy**, aged about 64 years, son of Late Nanjureddy, residing at House No. 1227/5, Gouribidanur Town, V.V. Puram, Chikkaballapur District, do hereby solemnly certify that, I am a permanent resident of the above address. The land record register no. **GBD-1-04999-2010-11** is in the name of **Sri A. Krishna Reddy** on 13.7.2025, **GBD-1-02362-2009-10** is in the name of **Sri Y. Ramesh** and **GBD-1-004088-2007-08** is in the name of **Smt Anita.** These three records are records related to my daughter's father-in-law **Sri A. Krishna** Reddy and were accidentally lost at the Gauribidanur bus stand while waiting for a bus to travel to his hometown to give them to him. **Therefore, I certify before N.S.Ashok Kumar, an advocate and notary, on 14.07.2025 that the loss is true.**

CENTRAL RAILWAY
SOLAPUR DIVISION
E-TENDER NOTICE

The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, General, Central Railway, Solapur, for and on behalf of The President of India invites online E-Tenders on Railways e-procurement website **www.ireps.gov.in** from reputed, experienced & licensed Electrical Contractors for the following works. **E-Tender Notice No.: SUR/L/T/2025/16**. **Name of Work: -** Electrical general service portion of strengthening of LT system by Improvement of Safety Arrangement over Solapur division. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 2,19,43,301.28. **Bid Security:** ₹ 2,59,700/-. **Completion Period:** 12 Months. **Validity of Offer:** 60 Days. **Date & Time of Tender Closing on Website: 09/10/2025** at **15.00 Hrs.** Bid Security cost shall be paid through e-payment on **www.ireps.gov.in** website.

Sr.DEE (G) Solapur
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अपने जानवरों को रेल लाइन से दूर रखे

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE WORKS

Tender Notice No. : Sr.DEE/G&CHG/LMG/22 of 2025-26, dtd. 09-09-2025. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work; **SN-1; Tender No.:** EL/LM/25-26/20-RT; **Name of work :** Comprehensive Annual Preventive and Breakdown Maintenance of out of warranty 4.5 KW Regulated cum Emergency Battery Charger of M/s AUTOMETERS ALLIANCE LTD make installed in LHB coaches of Lumding division for a period of 3 years. **Tender Value:** ₹.47,00,010.24/-; **Earnest Money**: ₹.94,000/-; Date & time of **closing** of above all tenders at **11:00** hrs. and **opening** at **11:30** hrs. on **03-10-2025.** For complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available up to **11:00** hrs. on **03-10-2025** in website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Sr. DEE/G&CHG, Lumding
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Application Notification No. 210/Halts/DBS Halt/2025/SBC Division
Dated : 02-09-2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed applications for appointment of Halt Agent from educated unemployed persons residing in and around the Dobbespet (DBS) Train Halt Station for issuing Unreserved Tickets on Commission basis for a period of five (05) years or till up-gradation of the station whichever is earlier.

Sl. No	Station	Section	To Start functioning from
1	Dobbespet (DBS)	Yasvantpur	Date will be notified by the administration

Date and Time of submission of application : From 10:00 Hrs. to 16:00 Hrs. of 06-10-2025

For details log on: www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager
PUB/439/AAF/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Bengaluru**

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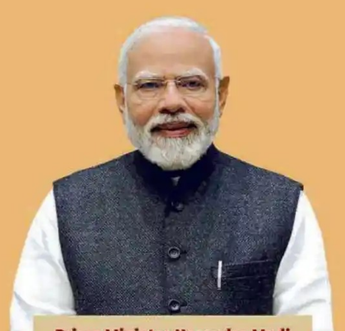

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EXTRA-ORDINARY APPELLATE JURISDICTION
SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION CIVIL No. 23709 OF 2024
WITH PRAYER FOR INTERIM RELIEF

B.S. LALITHA AND OTHERS ...Petitioner(s)/Applicant(s)
VERSUS
BHUVANESH AND OTHERS ...Respondent(s)

To,

1. **BS ADITHYA GOWDA** S/o Late B S Subhas, R/o "Shri Nivas", No. 117/2, Nagaraj Layout, Bull Temple Road, Chamrajpet, Bangalore-560018. District-Bangalore, Karnataka. — **PID: 219850/2025 FOR R[4] IN SLP(C) No.23709/2024 (SEC IV-A)**
2. **B S RAVINDRANATH** S/o Late B M Seenappa, R/o No. 103, 10th Main, Basaveshwaranagara, Bengaluru-560 079, District-Bangalore, Karnataka. — **PID: 219851/2025 FOR R[6] IN SLP(C) NO.23709/2024 (SEC IV-A)**

WHEREAS the Petition for Special Leave to Appeal with prayer for interim relief filed in the Registry by **Dr. MRS. VIPIN GUPTA,** Advocate on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named was listed for hearing before this Court on **25th October, 2024,** when the Court was pleased to pass the following order-

"Issue notice, returnable in six weeks.
Dasti, in addition, is also permitted.
The parties shall maintain status quo with respect to the subject property, as of today, till the next date of listing."

AND WHEREAS, the matter above-mentioned was listed before **Ld. Registrar's Court** on **09th September, 2025.** When the following order was passed:-

"Opportunity to file counter affidavit has already been declined in respect of Respondent Nos. 8 and 9.
Respondent Nos. 7 and 22 have already opted not to file counter affidavit.
As per Office report, defects have been cured by Ld. Counsel in counter affidavit filed on behalf of Respondent No.2. Let the same be taken on record.
Ld. Counsel for petitioner has filed an application for substituted service by way of paper publication in respect of Respondent Nos. 4 and 6.
Application is hereby allowed.
As prayed, two weeks time is granted to Ld. Counsel for petitioner to file Affidavit alongwith proof of publication.
Service is complete on the remaining respondents but none has entered appearance.
List again on 24.9.2025."

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOT ICE that the above petition with prayer for interim relief will be posted for hearing before this Court in due course and you may enter appearance before this Court either in person or through an advocate on record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf immediately from the date of service of notice. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why Special Leave Petition and interim relief as prayed be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.

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Dated : **13th September, 2025** — **ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

Copy to
*1 Dr. Mrs. Vipin Gupta (adv.)
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Hindu or Veerashaiva-Lingayat?: Identity tussle puts BJP on defensive

Caste census a bid to divide Hindus, say party leaders

BENGALURU, DHNS:

The state BJP is facing a political dilemma following the All India Veerashaiva Mahasabha's latest stand on the upcoming caste census.

The Mahasabha has urged its members to identify as belonging to 'Veerashaiva-Lingayat' religion, not as Hindus — placing the BJP in a tight spot, as the party's Hindutva ideology hinges on Hindu unity, while the Mahasabha commands significant influence over the Lingayat community, a crucial support base for the saffron party.

Top BJP leaders from the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community held an urgent meeting here on Tuesday to discuss the issue.

The leaders included B S Yediyurappa, Union Minister V Somanna, former chief ministers and sitting MPs Jagadish Shettar and Basavaraj Bommai, former MPs G M Siddeshwara and Vijaya Sankeshwar, senior leader Prabhakar Kore and Aravind Bellad, deputy leader of the Opposition in the Assembly.

Addressing reporters after the meeting, BJP state president B Y Vijayendra launched a scathing attack on the Congress government and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, accusing them of plotting to divide Hindus through caste survey.

CASTE CENSUS CONUNDRUM

Vijayendra said though there was no legal provision for a state to conduct caste census, the Congress government was proceeding with a fresh one.

He said the survey, conducted in the name of socio-economic exercise, was politically motivated and aimed at breaking Hindu unity.

He pointed to the inclusion of identifiers like Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Sikh, Parsi, Atheist and Others in the survey as evidence of the government's intent.

He accused Siddaramaiah of repeating his earlier attempt to divide the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community during his first tenure as CM — a move that, according to Vijayendra, cost him politically.

When asked if BJP leaders want the word 'Hindu' to be included in the religion column, he said the party had given its senior leaders the responsibility to hold talks with the Veerashaiva Mahasabha in this regard.

"They have also decided to speak with religious leaders from Virakta Mutts and Pancha Peethas to come to a common decision on how to mention religion, caste and sub-caste in the survey—keeping in mind what's best for the country, state and community," he said.

He acknowledged the confusion existing among pontiffs and said the party would work to educate them. "We will not allow Veerashaiva-Lingayats to be divided into groups," Vijayendra said.

'Only Centre can conduct'

Bommai questioned the survey's legality, stating that under the Census Act, only the Centre could conduct such an exercise.

He accused the Congress of adding non-existing communities for political benefit and questioned why the Kantharaju Commission report was never officially released.

When asked clearly whether BJP leaders want 'Hindu' to be mentioned in the religion column by Lingayats, the former CM didn't give a clear answer, but said the BJP's main focus was to keep the community united.

Caste census: Don't mention sub-caste, says Brahmins' body

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha has said that community members need not specify their sub-caste in the upcoming Social and Educational Survey (caste census).

In a statement, Mahasabha president S Raghunath said the community members should identify themselves as 'Hindu' in the religion column and 'Brahmana' as the caste.

The Mahasabha has also asked Brahmins to "compulsorily" participate in the survey, which is scheduled to start from September 22. It has also conveyed to community members that there is no harm in answering all 60 questions in the questionnaire.

The Mahasabha is also making preparations to file a public interest litigation (PIL) on the upcoming survey.

In the junked 2015 survey, there were 15.64 lakh Brahmins in the state. A total of 11.85 lakh people enumerated themselves as just 'Brahmana'. The remaining 3.79 lakh are divided among 58 sub-castes. The most populous sub-caste was the Goud Saraswat Brahmins at 1.14 lakh, followed by Havyaka Brahmins (86,595).

The survey found 23,249 Smartha and 13,302 Madhwa Brahmins. In 2015, when the survey was carried out, there were 36 Kashmiri Pandits in the state.

'Religious infiltration' under guise of caste survey: Forum

BENGALURU, DHNS

The BJP-affiliated Saamaajika Nyaaya Jaagruti Vedike – Karnataka held a round table meeting here on Tuesday.

Over 120 participants — social leaders, religious and caste heads and retired officials — came together for an in-depth discussion on the 'Congress government's attempt to infiltrate Christian identities among Hindu castes through the census'.

Prominent participants like former minister and BJP leader V Sunil Kumar and Mysore-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar strongly criticised the Congress party's AHINDA strategy. They said it was mainly focused on dividing Hindu castes — including Dalits and OBCs — for political advantage.

The round table ended with everyone agreeing that the government's way of carrying out the caste survey — especially by adding religion-based identities and confusing existing caste categories — was a planned move to break Hindu unity.

The speakers said the government was using the excuse of a survey to create new Christian caste categories that didn't exist before.

They said this could have long-term social consequences and weaken the anti-conversion law currently in force in Karnataka.

Strong objection was raised to the inclusion of 48 newly created Christian caste labels like Kuruba Christian, Madivala Christian and Madiga Christian. The participants questioned the exclusion of established Christian denominations like Catholic, Protestant, New Life and Baptist.

The forum said this selective categorisation revealed the malicious political intent of the Congress government, accusing it of manipulating caste and religious identities to create a voter base.

The government was, the participants said, attempting to reshape social demographics for political advantage.

Following the discussions, a delegation, led by Wadiyar, submitted a formal petition to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot urging him to intervene.

The memorandum requested the Governor to advice the government to immediately halt the survey.

They insisted that the only acceptable way forward was a foolproof, transparent and credible caste survey carried out in alignment with the Centre's national exercise planned for 2026–27.

In its petition, the Vedike said the BJP remains firmly committed to protecting interests of all communities and that it will resist any attempt to exploit the caste survey for political gain or to divide Hindus.

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Opposition MLAs to get Rs 25 cr each under CMIDP

BENGALURU, DHNS: The government has decided to provide a grant of Rs 25 crore to each opposition lawmaker, while those in the ruling dispensation will get Rs 50 crore.

CM Siddaramaiah has written to the opposition MLAs that each one of them would get Rs 25 crore. This will be a special grant under the new Chief Minister's Infrastructure Development Programme (CMIDP), which was announced in the 2025-26 budget.

Of the Rs 25 crore, Rs 18.25 crore will be tied to road and other infrastructure under departments of public works, RDPR and urban development. The remaining Rs 6.25 crore will be for works based on the lawmaker's discretion.

Siddaramaiah has asked lawmakers to submit to finance department a list of works they want to take up in their constituencies.

In his 2025-26 Budget, Siddaramaiah said CMIDP would be launched with Rs 8,000 crore. According to budget documents, the government has provisioned Rs 3,000 crore this fiscal - Rs 1,500 crore for PWD, Rs 900 crore for rural development department & Rs 600 crore for urban development department.

State Cabinet okays acquiring 1.34L acres for Upper Krishna Project

UKP, From Page 1

Pointing out that the Krishna Water Tribunal had passed an order in 2010, and a final report in 2013, Siddaramaiah rued that the Union government hadn't yet passed a gazette notification. He urged the Union government to do it soon.

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, who is also the irrigation minister, elaborated on this. "The Union Minister has given an in-principle approval to issue a gazette notification on this project. A meeting was scheduled on this twice, but was postponed due to political pressures from Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. The Union Minister has assured us that the meeting will be held soon. In this backdrop, the state government is making preparations for the execution of the project."

Referring to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis' statement that Maharashtra would approach the Supreme Court against the move to increase the height of the Almatti Dam, Shivakumar said the fight would be taken up separately.

Sharavathi project: Won't lose lands again, say villagers

'Not compensated for lands parted with for Linganamakki Dam'

A picturesque view of the Shavarathi valley.

NRUPATHUNGA S K
KARGAL (SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT), DHNS

Residents of villages, who will be impacted by the proposed power project in the Sharavathi Valley, made their stance on the project quite clear at a public hearing held at Kargal in Shivamogga district on Tuesday. The villagers and environmentalists, who participated in the hearing, expressed strong views about the harm that the proposed project would cause to the Western Ghats.

Ganapatiyappa, a resident of Henne village, said, "We were displaced by the implementation of hydroelectric projects in the Sharavathi Valley once before. To rebuild our lives again would be an uphill task." As many as 160 families in Henne and Maratha Keri villages in Shivamogga district are likely to be displaced if the power project is implemented.

After the meeting, Ganapatitayappa spoke to *DH* about the ordeal of those who had to give up their homes and land for the Linganamakki Dam in the 1960s.

Expressing his frustration with the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL), he added, "We have been growing areca, paddy, and other crops on forest land. But KPCL has not given us title deeds to this land. If we are displaced again, where will we go? What about our children and their future? We don't want KPCL to execute this project."

Kannappa, another Henne resident, appealed to the government not to displace them again. "We should be allowed to lead respectable lives," said Kannappa.

Rajanna, who was one of the many who was evacuated for the Sharavathi project, recalled that his family had lost 600 acres. "But we were not given even 60 acres in compensation. How can we trust KPCL," asked Rajanna.

Praveen, an advocate, hinted at the power project being a part of a larger conspiracy to supply water from the River Sharavathi to Bengaluru. "I have learnt that the government has released Rs 8,000 crore for this project, and Energy Minister K J George is keen on going ahead with it," said Praveen.

Kargal resident Suraj expressed concerns about the safety of residents in the vicinity of the proposed project site. "The PowerPoint presentation made by the KPCL executive engineer Vijay Kumar mentioned use of explosive materials for blasting. But what about the safety of those in and around the area, or even those outside the five-metre radius. There was no mention of the chemicals that would be used in the project," he said.

Shivamogga Deputy Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board's senior environment officer Ramesh Nayak, and environment officer Shilpa participated in the meeting.

Resident cites *DH* report

Adarsha Jain, a resident of Sagar taluk, cited a *DH* report to underscore the damage that the proposed project will have on the environment.

"The newspaper report states that 16,000 trees will be cut for the project. If you really want to implement this project, plant 16,000 saplings elsewhere, nurture them till they grow as tall as the ones you want to cut," he said.

Pointing out that KPCL had not responded to residents' pleas for a road in the region for the past three decades, Jain added, "Now, they are eager to construct a road for this project."

Minister orders probe into 'King Cobra research'

DH IMPACT

BENGALURU, DHNS

Days after *DH* reported about commercial activities run in the name of King Cobra research in Agumbe forests though the permission for research had expired long ago, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has ordered a probe into the matter.

On September 13, *DH* had written about Kalinga Centre for Research on Ecology conducting workshops on King Cobra bionomics several years after the permission for research expired in 2017.

The Centre has come under spotlight for running commercial activities in the eco-sensitive zone of Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary.

The permission given to Agumbe Rainforest Research Station had expired in 2024.

In a note to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre also referred to the viral videos showing youths 'torturing' pythons on a street in Shivamogga.

"Reports state that commercial activities are taking place in the name of King Cobra research though permission for research work has expired. Several complaints have been received in this office. Book FIR and take necessary action against such violators," the he said, also referring to those who store snakes and their eggs.

US, India eye early signing of...

Trade deal, From Page 1

This was the first high-ranking US trade official's visit to New Delhi after the Trump administration imposed the 50% tariff on a majority of Indian goods last month. This includes 25% so-called reciprocal tariff and additional 25% duty as penalty for India's economic engagement with Russia, especially oil purchase.

Sources said India pressed for removal of the penalty tariff to take the negotiation forward.

"Any progress hinges on Washington rolling back the oil-linked 25% duty. Without that, no breakthrough is politically or economically viable," said Global Trade Research Initiative founder Ajay Srivastava. There have been mixed signals from the Trump administration on the India trade deal. Last week, Trump and PM Modi wrote on social media platforms terming India-US relationship important.

On the other hand, Trump has not only imposed the highest tariff on India, but also urged European Union to take similar measures.

"Ironically, the US looks desperate to close a trade deal with India, even as its officials almost daily use disparaging language against New Delhi," said Srivastava. "By naming India in its Supreme Court filing, Washington has made any deal politically harder," he added.

On Sept 4, Trump administration filed an appeal in US Supreme Court to reinstate tariffs struck down by lower courts, explicitly naming India's oil purchases to justify retaining power to "punish countries".

Now, reward for whistleblowers in financial frauds

Govt wants people to come forward and complain against scams

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Whistleblowers and informants, who expose deposit-related frauds at financial establishments, can win a reward of up to Rs 7 lakh under a new scheme notified by the government.

The government hopes to go after Ponzi schemes and other such frauds by incentivising people to come forward with credible information.

The new scheme will apply to "original information" provided by whistleblowers and informants on illegalities committed by owners, promoters, partners, directors, managers or any related person at deposit-accepting companies, cooperative societies, limited liability partnerships, trusts and nonprofits.

Under this scheme, whistleblowers will be paid Rs 2 lakh if their information results in the identification and attachment of assets of financial establishments and their "colluders". Informants can win a higher reward. "The interim reward amount shall not exceed 2% of the reserve price of the asset regarding which information was furnished or Rs 2 lakh, whichever is less," the notification states.

"Final reward amount shall not exceed 5% of the dues recovered and recovery of which is directly attributable to the original information supplied by the informant or Rs 5 lakh, whichever is less or such higher amount as approved," it states. The scheme defines 'informant' as an individual who voluntarily furnishes original information in writing to the government.

A 'whistleblower' is a person who provides information about illegal, unethical or harmful activities within a financial establishment, and is not a person participating or complicit in such frauds.

"The claim of reward shall be confined to cases where recovery of dues (and) realisation of the sale proceeds of the asset may be made in pursuance of the information so provided by the informant. The information provided must be supported by documents pointing to the ownership or transfer of the asset, with reasonable connection to the money trail and shall be specific and actionable," the notification states.

Finance Secretary (Fiscal Reforms) Dr Vishal R said the scheme was formulated based on a recommendation by senior IAS officer Amlan Aditya Biswas, who is the competent authority in the multi-crore IMA scam, which affected thousands of depositors.

"We want people to come forward and complain against monetary and financial scams," Vishal said.

The scheme will operate under the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, which was enacted following the Vini Vinc Shastri scam. Despite the law, deposit-related scams have continued.

The identity of the whistleblowers and informants will be kept confidential.

Robbers loot Rs 8 cr cash from bank

CHADACHAN (VIJAYAPURA DISTRICT), DHNS: A gang of masked robbers wielding pistols made away with cash and gold from State Bank of India in Chadachan on Tuesday. They allegedly tied up employees in the bank. Police sources suspect that around Rs 8 crore in cash and 50 kg of gold have been robbed. Superintendent of Police Lakshman Nimbaragi visited the bank.

At least 13 dead as rain, cloudburst hit...

Cloudburst, From Page 1

According to reports, five labourers died when the tractor-trolley carrying them was swept away in the raging Aasan river. Eight labourers are missing and a search operation has been launched to trace them. Similarly, some labourers were swept away in Tons river; three bodies were later recovered.

Connectivity to the state capital has also suffered. Two major bridges on the Dehradun–Chakrata and Dehradun–Haridwar routes were damaged, forcing authorities to divert traffic. The Dehradun–Mussoorie road remains blocked at several points.

Around 200 students stranded inside a private college campus were also rescued by NDRF and SDRF teams.

A student was killed when the wall of his room collapsed amid heavy rains in Dehradun, reports said. He was identified as Kaif, a resident of Uttar Pradesh's Hapur district.

Waterlogging has been reported in Dehradun's IT Park area, with water entering many offices, leaving people stranded.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said, "Last night's heavy rainfall caused rivers to swell. Many houses and government properties have been damaged. Around 20–30 roads have been destroyed. Our priority is to provide relief to the affected families." The holy town of Haridwar also experienced heavy rains while the Badrinath highway was closed after boulders fell on the road near Karnaprayag and Gauchar.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and took stock of the situation in the state.

The state is likely to experience heavy rains till September 21.

(With inputs from Raju Gusain in Dehradun and PTI)

◆ WEATHER ◆

Overview: Rainfall occurred at few places over North Interior and at most places over Coastal Karnataka and South Interior Karnataka
Forecast Sept 17: Rainfall to occur at many places over the state.

INTERIOR NORTH			
Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Belagavi	26.4	21.4	0.9
Bidar	31	22.4	8.8
Vijayapura	29.2	22.4	0.8
Dharwad	26.8	NA	TR
Haveri	26.2	21.4	3.4
Kalaburagi	31.2	23	09
Raichur	30.6	23	00
COASTAL			
Honnavar	29.4	23.1	4.7
Karwar	28.8	24.6	2.3
Shirali	NA	NA	NA
Mangaluru	30.1	23.2	8.2

INTERIOR SOUTH			
Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Agumbe	NA	NA	04
Bengaluru	28.5	21.3	TR
Ballari	NA	NA	NA
Chamarajanagar	30	20	00
Chikkamagaluru	NA	NA	NA
Chitradurga	28.6	21.2	00
Davangere	28	20	00
Hassan	27.2	20.3	00
Mysuru	29	19	00
Madikeri	NA	NA	NA
Kolar	NA	NA	NA

OTHER STATIONS			
New Delhi	36.1	24.4	00
Kolkata	30	25.3	17
Mumbai	25.7	23.6	31
Chennai	35.9	24.4	12
Pune	25.7	21.4	05
Hyderabad	28.8	21.4	0.5
Th'puram	33.3	25	00

Govt sets up SITs to look for illegal grant of forest land

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In a major development that will highlight the loss of forest lands to illegal grants and failed compensatory afforestation projects, the government has finally complied with a Supreme Court order to set up special investigation teams (SITs) to check extent of notified forests yet to be mutated to the forest department as well as the illegal grants.

On May 15, the apex court had ordered chief secretaries/administrators of states/union territories to constitute SITs to examine whether "any reserved forest land in possession of Revenue Department has been allotted to any private individuals/institutions for any purpose other than forestry purpose," recover the same and hand them over to forest department.

As per the Forest (Conservation) Act, no forest land can be granted without prior permission from the Union Environment Ministry. However, a whopping 60,725.78 acres of forest in Karnataka have been illegally granted by revenue officials.

In addition, the government is yet to effect mutation of thousands acres of notified forest land, especially the ones notified by erstwhile maharajas. For instance, the Karnataka HC ordered the revenue authorities to transfer 28,966.41 acres of 'C' and 'D' class land to the forest department to compensate for damage done by Harangi dam.

In a September 15 order, the state government set up district-level SITs, headed by deputy commissioner. The deputy conservator of forests will be member secretary and Deputy Director of Land Records will be a member. The three-member team will report to the state-level SIT, headed by Additional Chief Secretary, Forest, Environment and Ecology Department.

The district team has to conduct "detailed investigation" to identify forest lands in possession of the Revenue Department and allotted to private individuals/institutions for non-forest purpose, obtain copies of sanction/allotment orders, including lands under litigation, consolidate information and follow other orders by state-level SIT.

To a question, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Meenakshi Negi said the task had been set out by the SC. "We have made an estimation of such lands a while ago. But SITs will follow the order in spirit to find all patches of forest and submit a report within 4 months," she said.

A source said the allotments made for government institutions can get ex-post facto approval by providing land for compensatory afforestation. "However, grants made to private institutions and individuals will have to be considered as encroachment. Eventually, the government has to take a stand before the Supreme Court," the source added.

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Waqf law: An SC check on overreach

The Supreme Court has done well to stay some of the contentious provisions of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, which the government had brought in claiming that it would prevent the misuse, mismanagement, and encroachment of waqf properties. It has not stayed the entire law and has allowed the operation of some of its provisions. The stayed provisions are also subject to final adjudication. While contending that the law violates the right to religion, the Muslim community has maintained that it is an attempt by the government to take over waqf properties.

The district collector's powers to unilaterally decide whether a property is waqf or government land now stand suspended. Provisions that allow the authorities to de-recognise waqf land during the pendency of the decision have been suspended – no third-party rights should be created on such property till the dispute is decided. When in force, these provisions can lead to situations where the community members lose control of the waqf property. Empowering government officials and non-Muslims to make decisions on waqf properties would have diluted the community's rights. One suspended provision had prescribed that a waqf property would lose its status if the district collector identified it as government land. As the Court noted, this violated the principle of separation of powers. Decisions about the title of a property can be made only by a judicial or quasi-judicial authority. The Court capped the number of non-Muslims in the Central Waqf Board to four out of 22 and three out of 11 in state councils. As the Court was told and as it seems to have accepted, major institutions under other religions are run by those belonging to the respective faiths. There is no reason why it should be different with waqf and Muslims. The Court has also stayed a provision that only those who have practised Islam for five years could create waqf, till state governments framed the relevant rules. It said the stay was intended to protect the interests of all parties during the pendency of matters.

By suspending contentious provisions, the Court has put on hold the exercise of arbitrary control

The Court, however, did not stay a waqf-by-use provision, which deems land used for religious or charitable purposes for a long time as waqf land, as it did not find the provision prima facie unconstitutional. The petitioners have expressed satisfaction that some of the controversial provisions will not be in operation now. Through its intervention, the apex court has addressed concerns raised about the law, which was framed without consultations with the Muslim community and was railroaded through parliament without considering the views of the Opposition.

A message lost in the denied handshake

Convention is more ritual than rule. It carries no tangible penalty. But in the realm of morality, convention often carries greater value than laws set in stone. Seen in that light, Indian cricketers, by refusing to shake hands – a centuries-old custom followed across sport – with their Pakistani counterparts after their Asia Cup match on Sunday, failed that test. While the players are mere actors directed by forces in the background, unfortunately, they are also the first ones to take the bullet. There was widespread criticism of India's decision to engage with Pakistan on the cricket field in the run-up to the match, against the backdrop of the Pahalgam massacre and the armed conflict between the two countries. The Indian government has stalled bilateral series between India and Pakistan since 2012, and Pakistani cricketers have been banned from the lucrative IPL for years now. It has also steadfastly denied the Indian team permission to play in the neighbouring nation, including in ICC and ACC events. Instead, it has allowed India to play Pakistan in neutral venues, which is a sensible decision under the circumstances.

Sport is mass entertainment that attracts millions, making it an ideal platform to air grievances on perceived injustice. Sporting arenas have also been used to make political statements – whether to highlight racial and gender discrimination or to voice dissent against unjust wars. It is, however, doubtful if India's handshake snub achieved any of the intended objectives. If India indeed wanted to make a bigger statement, wouldn't boycotting the match have served the purpose? To refuse handshakes after engaging the opponent team meaningfully for three hours was a poorly choreographed routine intended to placate a few rabble-rousers back home. India's dominant seven-wicket win, meanwhile, was relegated to the sidelines with the post-match events grabbing the headlines. Can this be undone and a semblance of normalcy restored? Perhaps not immediately, and that ensures the upcoming India-Pakistan clash is watched closely, also for non-cricketing reasons.

No handshakes after a game of sport? That's more posture than a statement of purpose

Pakistan's demand to remove match referee Andy Pycroft and its subsequent threat to pull out of the event, hosted by India, are nothing more than empty rhetoric. Mohsin Naqvi, the chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board, also heads the Asian Cricket Council – will he dilute the importance of the continental event under his watch? But the bigger question is: will India, if they successfully defend the title, receive the trophy from Naqvi? Or will Naqvi himself abstain from the presentation party? After all, it's *just* a convention.

BEYOND THE DOLLAR

A new playbook for rupee resilience

India must continue leveraging de-dollarisation through rupee invoicing and diverse, non-dollar reserves

AJIT RANADE

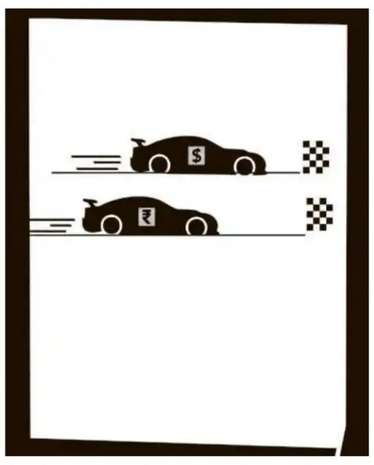
The United States is the most indebted country in the world. The annual budget deficit is close to $2 trillion. This is the net borrowing requirement of the US Treasury for this year. On top is the need to repay older debt that is maturing this year. That is another $9 trillion. Hence, the gross borrowing requirement is in excess of $10 trillion this year. It is funded by American and foreign investors, including the foreign exchange reserves of the world. Imagine the stress this puts on global dollar surpluses and savings. To attract the financial flows towards the US bonds, the risk-free interest rate offered is quite high, currently close to 5%.

For any other country, such a high debt load would have led to a downgrade of its sovereign rating. But this is the US, and its currency is still the king of the world. The allure of dollar assets, however, is waning. The share of global foreign exchange reserves held in the form of dollar assets has gone down from 72% to 58% in the past 20 years. The trend is clearly downward.

That is why the world is talking about "de-dollarisation". This year, there are visible effects. The dollar index (DXY) – a measure of the dollar's strength – fell 11% in the first half of 2025. This is its steepest six-month slide in 50 years. The other big news is the rise of gold. For the first time, the value of the fraction of reserves in gold now exceeds that in US dollar assets.

The political catalyst that kicked many reserve managers into rethinking about holding dollar assets was the freezing of Russian sovereign dollar assets after the 2022 invasion of Ukraine, followed by the G7 and EU moves to harness profits from those assets to finance Ukraine. Even without an outright "seizure," the message is clear: dollar-centric reserves carry geopolitical risk. That has pushed diversification not only into other currencies but, more visibly, into gold.

All three pillars of dollar power – trade invoicing, cross-border clearing, and reserve management – are seeing real, if uneven, diversification. Politics has amplified the trend. When BRICS leaders aired non-dollar invoicing ideas early this year, President Trump publicly threatened tariffs as retaliation, essentially using trade policy to defend dollar primacy. The SWIFT network is still the backbone for dollar-clearing via New York, but alternatives to dollar-centric settlement are scaling. China's CIPS has expanded volumes and participants; BIS-backed experiments like mBridge have already run live cross-border CBDC transfers among central banks in Asia and the Gulf.



India has tried to translate the de-dollarisation mood into concrete trade plumbing. New Delhi and Moscow spent much of 2023-24 exploring rupee settlements. But progress was halting because Russia did not want to sit on large, non-convertible rupee balances. The Reserve Bank of India has since given more leeway, by recently allowing surplus in-vostro accounts to be invested fully in Indian government securities, to give partners like Russia a safer home for their rupee stock. The main problem for India to scale up rupee trade and invoicing is the partner's appetite for Indian exports and rupee assets.

Making the rupee count

India is also experimenting with the RBI's e-rupee pilot projects and extending UPI to foreign shores. If we can stitch together compliant, bilateral CBDC, or local-currency settlements with key energy and import partners, some share of trade can circumvent dollar invoicing, clearing, and settlement. But this is a work in progress. The main reason that the rupee trade will expand only gradually is because of heavy reliance on the US market as an export destination. The US is India's single largest buyer of merchandise goods. It also remains central for services exports. That concentration makes it rational for Indian firms to keep dollars at the core of pricing, hedging, and funding – even as they experiment with local-currency deals elsewhere.

Even as the dollar has weakened against a basket of major currencies, the rupee has weakened against the dollar, hitting record lows near 88.7. This means that the rupee lost even more ground to the euro and the yen. That tells you two things: global dollar softness can coexist with rupee softness, and India's external price signals are being driven by country-specific forces (tariffs, portfolio outflows, oil) as much as by the global dollar cycle. President Trump is pressuring India, through penal tariffs of 50%, to cut down the purchase of Russian crude, and asking the G7 to follow suit and penalise India. Hence, the rupee slid to fresh lows, as markets have factored in weaker export earnings and persistent dollar demand from importers.

For India, de-dollarisation should not be a crusade against the dollar, but an effort to build resilience and bargaining power. In practice, it means: (1) targeted local-currency invoicing where counterparties truly want Indian goods or rupee assets; (2) wider, safer channels for holding and deploying rupees abroad; (3) continued reserve diversification, including gold and high-quality non-dollar assets; and (4) investing in payment rails that let Indian banks and firms route around choke-points when geopolitics turn rough. None of this eliminates the dollar's centrality any time soon. But it does chip away at single-point fragility.

There's a final paradox worth stating. A weaker dollar helps US exporters, something President Trump publicly wants, yet Washington has also redoubled efforts to defend dollar centrality, sometimes via trade threats, which makes the dollar stronger. For countries like India, the correct response isn't ideological. It is to keep options open, deepen domestic capital markets, and make the rupee useful to foreigners – by offering scale, liquidity, and predictable rules. De-dollarisation, done right, is not about abandonment; it's about options.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

From furry friends to wild encounters

Animals, both big and small, teach us valuable lessons

POORNIMA MATTHAN

My ardent love for animals goes back to my childhood. I can never forget the time I visited my late maternal grandfather, Maj Gen P T Joseph, in Mundakayam, Kerala, during my school vacation. Knowing my undying love for dogs, my very kind grandfather 'borrowed' a pet dog from one of his trusted colleagues just for the duration of our vacation.

That adorable, small, white fur ball of pure goodness was 'given' the grand name of Rocky, which we realised later was not his name but which he lovingly answered to every time we called out to him. For those two weeks, Rocky showered us with love and loyalty. On the day of our departure, Rocky looked at us with doleful eyes, begging us not to leave...

And that takes me back to another time when I set out to explore the beautiful Bandipur with two of my friends. As the open jeep took us on a safari, my heart was brimming with expectation. We came across spotted deer, passed many a bored bison, and then we drove by two elephants who were pulling down a tree with great gusto.

Suddenly, our guide at the wheel started slowing down, telling us to stay quiet.

He whispered that we had approached some wild elephants protecting their calves. They were circling their young, and I vividly remember their powerful, resonant vocalisation. It was a rumble, almost a whisper. I could swear that I heard the sound of silence. Nothing but that low rumble coming from those gentle giants and nothing till our jeep started. In a matter of seconds, the circle of elephants unravelled. Before we knew it, the male elephant started trumpeting and charging towards our open jeep. Strangely, I was not frightened. For me, it was ethereal. My guide and colleagues were so terrified that I could hear their breathing.

I remained transfixed, looking at this wonderful being coming towards us. For a brief second I thought I sensed defiance, but I was wrong.

When the elephant reached about a foot away from our jeep, something made him stop in his tracks. In that split second I gathered up the courage to look up straight into those soulful eyes. He stood still, peering at me for a couple of seconds... It felt like he was whispering something to me. And then he did something unthinkable. He turned slowly, right back in the direction of his family.

I still wonder if he was an angel in disguise who decided not to harm me. I know one thing: that my encounter with my elephant friend changed my life forever.

I know that animals, both great and small, teach us invaluable lessons that stay with us for a lifetime. And for that, I will always be truly grateful.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It is undemocratic to silence dissent

The assassination of Charlie Kirk, the American conservative activist and founder of Turning Point USA, on September 10, at Utah Valley University is a chilling reminder of the dangers of stifling free speech through violence. Kirk, known for his provocative views on issues like transgender rights and other sensitive topics, was gunned down by a sniper during a campus event, an act Utah authorities have called a "political assassination" driven by the suspect's ideological motives. As India grapples with its own debates over free expression, this tragedy offers a sobering lesson: silencing dissenting voices through violence is a betrayal of democratic values. Many found Kirk's opinions harsh or controversial, but disagreement does not justify deeming his views "wrong" or denying his right to speak. Free speech exists precisely to protect diverse, even uncomfortable, ideas. If society labels certain opinions as unacceptable without debate, it risks creating an echo chamber where only approved narratives survive. In India, where debates over free speech often spark intense reactions, Kirk's death should prompt reflection.

Ankit Kumar, Bengaluru

Prevent misuse

The Karnataka government's move to relax Occupancy Certificate norms brings relief to thousands of property owners awaiting essential utilities. Providing power and water connections ensures dignity and normalcy for residents. However, strict safety and compliance checks must continue to prevent misuse. Development should balance ease for citizens with responsible urban planning.

Khushi Kashyap, Bengaluru

Nitish must retire

Apropos 'Nitish regrets 'blunders', promises Modi he won't switch sides again' (Sep 16), during PM Narendra Modi's recent visit to poll-bound Bihar – the 55th and highest by any PM – launching projects worth Rs 36,000 crore makes strange reading. It is in stark contrast to his recent long-overdue visit to the burning Manipur after 864 days of silence despite over 250 deaths and 60,000 displacements. Equally disturbing is the news that during this visit, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar reportedly pledged his unwavering loyalty to Modi. Interestingly, this did not prompt Modi to name Nitish Kumar as the CM candidate. It is high time Nitish Kumar voluntarily and honourably retires from politics.

M Basavaraj, Davangere

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SPEAK OUT

Tomorrow marks the birthday of 'Modi Economics,' which has lifted millions out of poverty, provided free gas connections, homes, and jobs for countless youth. That is why tomorrow, every citizen will contribute towards building a developed India by 2047. I too will contribute, humbly, like a squirrel.

Gourav Vallabh, BJP leader

Why do we need him (PM Modi)? Poverty and unemployment have increased, GDP has weakened; what has he done? I would ask J P Nadda to give one reason why we need him (PM Modi) again...He has not completed a single scheme he started.

Gourav Vallabh, Congress leader, on June 27, 2023

TO BE PRECISE

Chinese influence rising in Nepal

IN PERSPECTIVE

Nepal navigates familiar disorder

At the core of its crisis is a deficit of constitutional morality. India's institutional resilience offers a contrast

NIKHIL ERINJINGAT

Constitutions are more than mere legal texts. While constitutions are often understood as documents that restrain the power of government, they are less a parchment and more a commitment. They embody a set of political, social, and economic expectations. Constitutionalism becomes a form of collective sentiment, where the state is restrained, leaders are accountable, and institutions develop habits of deference and responsibility. Where constitutional morality is ingrained in society and the State, constitutions survive their framers and provide stability amidst crisis. Where this does not occur, constitutions become episodic, subject to political negotiation and reinvention at the convenience of expediency. Nepal's trajectory since the mid-20th century highlights the latter pattern with remarkable clarity. The frequent political and constitutional crises in Nepal are reminders of what happens when constitutions are treated as disposable garments, discarded when they become inconvenient.

Since the late 1940s, Nepal has adopted a succession of charters, each assumed to be the final constitutional solution to its precarious political, social, and economic conditions. However, each has proved temporary. The Rana regime's constitution of 1948 did little to bring meaningful change in governance. The 1951 Interim Constitution, despite its democratic promise, preserved monarchical supremacy. The 1959 experiment with parliamentary democracy ended within a year at the hands of King Mahendra. In 1962, Nepal adopted the Panchayat Constitution, which institutionalised royal absolutism under the garb of consultative democracy. The celebrated 1990 charter, too, became a victim of insurgency and palace intrigue. Even the relatively peaceful order after the adoption of the 2015 Constitution now seems to be standing on unstable ground. While each constitution promised stability, few generated the constitutional fidelity necessary to transform text into practice.

Nepal's youth today protest not merely against internet shutdowns and restrictions on social media, but against fractured governance, persistent corruption, and the exclusion of marginalised communities. Yet again, constitutional morality and the stability of constitutional order have been pushed to the margins.

Nepal's predicament is not a symptom of textual deficit but of an underdeveloped culture of constitutionalism and constitutional morality. In the absence of stable constitutional expectations, politics devolves into elite negotiation rather than public trust, causing rupture in the constitutional order.

Against this backdrop, the Indian constitutional trajectory provides an instructive contrast. India's Constitution has endured. Though stretched, distorted, violated, and amended over a hundred times in the 75 years since its adoption, it has never been abandoned. Its endurance is owed to institutional resilience and responses in moments of political crisis.

In Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala (1973), the Supreme Court safeguarded the constitutional core by forging the basic structure doctrine, placing substantive limits on Parliament's amending power. Even during the Emergency of 1975, when executive authority reached its authoritarian peak, opposition leaders were jailed, and fundamental liberties were suspended, the Constitution withstood the ordeal. The constitutional order resumed.

Keeping the faith

In the past, Nepal has tended towards a replacement of the Constitution in the face of political rupture. Comparative constitutional scholarship underscores that endurance depends not on the elegance of drafting or profound promises and obligations in the Constitution, but on the cultivation of democratic values among the citizens and the State. The need for this was realised by the framers of the Indian Constitution at the time of drafting. B R Ambedkar remarked about Indian democracy as "top dressing on Indian soil, which is essentially undemocratic" and that people are yet to learn constitutional morality. But with iterative practices during political turmoil, the Indian people and constitutional practices navigated the crisis, legitimising the supremacy of constitutional values and commitments.

For Nepal, its relation with its Constitution has rarely been one of commitment. The 2015 Constitution, praised for being forward-thinking in terms of incorporating federalism, secularism, and inclusivity, must become more than a political truce. The constitutional framework must absorb the impact of the rupture and create deference for constitutional methods for political resolutions, among political leaders, institutions, and citizens alike.

India's experience shows that adherence to constitutional methods and institutional resilience at a time of political crisis can build constitutional faith and a culture of deference in the polity. Nepal stands at a crossroads, not unknown to its past. The choice before the country is difficult, yet clear. History may repeat with the creation and adoption of a new constitutional order, or it may develop habits of restraint and endurance. The latter will not create a novel constitution, but constitutionalism.

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From rights to ruin: India's forests fall to corruption, FRA misuse

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There has been a surge in deforestation in the notified forests of India since the promulgation of the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006. The Act sought to recognise the rights of occupation of forest land by tribal communities as of December 13, 2005, and by families of other traditional forest dwellers (OTFDs) for three generations (75 years) to this date. Time and again, encroachments on forest lands have been regularised. The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, applicable October 25, 1980, saw states ensure that all illegal occupations of forest land up to that date were regularised. Across party lines, successive governments have supported the grabbing of forest land and its subsequent regularisation.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), the nodal agency for FRA implementation, has further relaxed provisions of the FRA rules. To date, individual forest rights (IFR) have been granted over 3.5 million hectares of forest land. Section 3(1) of the Act lists 13 types of rights; among them, IFR, community forest rights (CFR), and community forest resource rights (CFRR) have the greatest potential for unprecedented deforestation. Non-governmental organisations in each state assist communities in filing claims before respective gram sabhas, supported by evidence. Though the Act has been in place since January 2008, IFR and CFR claims continue unabated.

For electoral gains, ruling parties encourage tribal and OTFD families to come up with more claims. In turn, claimants clear tree growth, occupy forest land and then file claims. The only reliable evidence is satellite imagery for the relevant period, but MoTA has directed that such imagery be disregarded if it conflicts with a claim. The claims are filed before gram sabhas, which are then recommended to the sub-divisional level committee (SDLC) and then forwarded to the district level committee (DLC), headed by the collector/district magistrate, for final approval. Jurisdictional forest officers are represented on both SDLC and DLC.

The Act has been grossly misused in states such as Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha. While revenue and tribal departments were under political patronage and actively supported the filing of fresh claims, the forest department failed to stand against forest destruction.

In the run-up to the Telangana Assembly election 2023, the chief minister promised to distribute 11.5 lakh acres of forest lands (four lakh acres for tribal families and 7.5 lakh acres to OTFDs). Although many forest officers opposed wrong and dubious claims at SDLC and DLC levels, their objections were bypassed, and claims over four lakh acres were approved in favour of tribal families. Claims by OTFD families over 7.5 lakh acres were kept in abeyance, but the tree cover in these parcels has since been destroyed and the land occupied.

However, in many cases, OTFDs illegally occupying forest land have had their claims regularised in the name of tribal family. The Telangana government has initiated the 'Raithu Bandhu' scheme, providing direct money transfers to all patta holders, including forest rights holders. The cash benefits for such OTFDs now go to the respective tribal, in whose name the rights have been approved. In some cases, OTFDs have even lost possession of the land to tribals – the registered right-holders – leading to tensions in the community that the administration struggles to resolve.

The claims relating to IFR and CFR are now limited; NGOs have turned their focus to community forest resource rights. The Act provides for the approval of CFRR if an individual or community is the owner of the forest resource and has been protecting, regenerating and managing it as of December 13, 2005 (for tribals) or 75 years prior to this date in respect to other traditional forest dwellers. Gram sabhas are entitled to claim for CFRR following a similar process, with final approval for the claims resting with the DLC.

MoTA's website shows that CFRR has already been approved for over 18 million acres, mainly in states such as Chhattisgarh (5.1 million acres), Maharashtra (3.6 million acres), Madhya Pradesh (1.4 million acres), and Gujarat (1.2 million acres). Considering forests under joint management, forests within the village limits and the forests traditionally opened for collection of usufructs, duly deleting overlapping areas, a report was published by Oxfam, an umbrella NGO, in 2016, according to which 80 million acres of India's 190 million acres of forests should be granted to gram sabhas as CFRR. The report was misleading, as joint management areas have never been owned by communities.

Nearly a quarter of the potential area identified by Oxfam has already been transferred to gram sabhas for management, and these forests are subjected to faster degradation.

In Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district, bamboo forests managed by gram sabhas were cleared in one stroke and failed to regenerate. Such an approach is not recognised in any forest management practice. In Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh, gram sabhas have even obstructed the entry of forest officers into CFRR areas, while valuable trees have reportedly been cut and taken away.

We are already facing frequent and destructive climatic catastrophes as the planet warms significantly. We cannot afford to lose our forests.

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After a stunning election victory on an anti-Trump message, Canada's PM Mark Carney is adjusting to the realities of dealing with the US. Critics call it capitulation

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Carney struggles to find the answer to Trump

'Elbows Up,' a hockey phrase, became the campaign rallying cry of Canada's Liberal Party this spring, whipping up a swell of patriotism in the face of US President Donald Trump's menacing posture toward America's neighbour.

In April, the sentiment lifted Mark Carney, a prominent economist but neophyte politician, to one of the most stunning electoral victories in Canada's history. He promised to fight back against American tariffs and stand up for Canadian sovereignty.

But, after just a few months on the job, Carney is facing early signs of trouble as he discovers that being elected on an anti-Trump message does not mean you can govern on one, too.

Since taking office, Carney has tried to hone a firm-but-friendly tone in his interactions with Trump. In two high-stakes in-person meetings, he avoided any missteps in dealing with the American president, who has repeatedly said he wanted to make Canada a part of the United States and has slapped tariffs on key Canadian goods.

Yet, so far, Carney's pleasant relationship with Trump has yielded little that's tangible for Canada.

Unlike the European Union and Japan, Carney has not been able to deliver a trade deal with Trump, who ignored mutually agreed deadlines during the summer to come up with one.

And Carney has offered the United States concessions on some tariffs without, seemingly, getting much in return.

His political opponent, Pierre Poilievre, the Conservative Party leader, is seizing on the lack of concrete results for Canada to attack Carney.

Poilievre was badly defeated in the spring elections, even losing his own seat in Parliament. To win a new one, he had to wait for a recent by-election in a conservative stronghold in western Canada.

But now he's back. And with Parliament resuming this week after its summer recess, Poilievre has shown a flavour of what he has in store for Carney.

"Since Prime Minister Carney took office, the Americans have doubled tariffs on Canada while they've signed deals with Europe, Japan, and other countries," Poilievre said last month, adding that Carney's outreach to partners in Europe and Mexico has been little more than "photo ops." (Poilievre's claim that United States has doubled tariffs is not accurate.)

"It seems like since Prime Minister Carney took office, it has been American tariffs up and liberal elbows down," he told the news media in Saskatchewan during a visit in mid-August.

Carney's own shift in tone and substance when it comes to talking about tariffs has been marked.

"The Americans want our resources, our water, our land, our country," he said during his victory speech on election night in April. "Think about that for a moment. If they succeed, they will destroy our way of life."

Carney inherited a policy of retaliatory tariffs against the United States from his predecessor, Justin Trudeau, which he kept in place after taking office.

But over the past few months, and as talks with the US administration have been on and off, Carney started relaxing counter measures against the United States. Canada and China had been the only countries to apply retaliatory tariffs against US goods in response to the Trump administration's tariff policy.

In June, Carney scrapped a planned digital services tax aimed at big American tech companies after it had angered Trump and caused him to suspend trade negotiations. But the move did not lead to any breakthrough in talks.

And last month, Carney removed some retaliatory tariffs on US goods that fall outside the US-Mexico-Canada Free Trade Agreement, known as the USMCA.

The move, which matched similar US tariff measures toward Canadian exports, effectively restored free trade on many goods traded between the two countries. But both Canada and the United States continue to impose tariffs on each other's steel, aluminium, copper and vehicles, among other key products.

Carney explained that the move was meant to be a positive step toward renegotiating the free-trade agreement, a process that was not supposed to begin until next year.

Recent public opinion surveys suggest that some Canadians are starting to wonder about Carney's ability to make good on his campaign promise to effectively deal with Trump's impact on Canada.

He continues to poll ahead of Poilievre and the Conservatives, but the margin is narrowing. An Angus Reid Institute survey released September 5, for example, showed that Carney's approval rating had dropped by 6 percentage points to 51%, while his disapproval rating had climbed by 7 percentage points to 41%.

"We went into the summer on a very 'elbows up' vibe, and there is still no deal," said Shachi Kurl, president of the Angus Reid Institute. "Retaliatory tariffs are off, there is a lot of uncertainty and so the 'elbows up' has turned into the shrug emoji."

Yet, she added, "people are still prepared to give him the benefit of the doubt."

With tariff negotiations up in the air, Carney has introduced a strategic shift for the Canadian economy to reduce its reliance on the United States.

Earlier this year, he ordered changes in laws and regulations to boost internal trade within Canada—it's often easier for the country's provinces to trade with the United States than among themselves, to the detriment of the Canadian economy.

And on Thursday, he announced major infrastructure projects that he said would be fast-tracked, including to increase exports of liquefied natural gas to additional destinations, developing two copper mines, a container port and nuclear energy production. Several of the projects focussed on increasing fossil fuel production and mining, however, which is likely to anger environmentalists and put the government in conflict with Indigenous people who have land and hunting rights over territory that would be used for some of the infrastructure plans.

But much of that is long-term work, some of which will require huge financial investment with results not being seen for many years.

At the same time, the Canadian economy is showing signs of trouble. The country's persistently high unemployment rate rose to 7.1% in August—the second highest among the Group of 7 major industrialised nations after France. The economy shrank by 1.6% in the second quarter, more than expected.

Carney recently set aside 5 billion Canadian dollars ($3.6 billion) for a fund aimed at supporting industries that have been hit hardest by the US tariffs.

"The US is really important but it's not the only important issue in Canada," said Gerald Butts, a former top official in the Trudeau government who provided advice to Carney during the election and is vice chair of Eurasia Group, a consultancy.

While Canadians are worried about the fallout from the US tariffs, they are also concerned with pressing cost-of-living problems.

"Issues like housing, increasingly the general economic picture and cost of living never went away, and they'll come back with renewed vigour in the fall," Butts said, adding, "The government has to show that it's focused on those issues as much as it's trying to manage the relationship with Trump."

Carney seems to know how pressing these issues are for Canadians.

On Sunday he announced a new government agency, Build Canada Homes, endowed with CA$13 billion for different programmes to boost the supply of affordable housing.

"We're in a housing crisis," Carney said during the announcement of the new initiative in Ottawa. "And it's going to take all hands on deck to get us out of it."

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Why B-schools must embrace public policy

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In India, management studies and public policy often exist in separate silos—distant acquaintances rather than natural partners. Except for a handful of leading institutes, business schools rarely integrate public policy into teaching or research, even though today's managerial skills are deeply linked to understanding of social systems, policy design, analysis frameworks, and evaluation and monitoring methods. Many B-schools continue with compartmentalised departments of marketing, human resources, operations, and finance. Interdisciplinarity, particularly the integration of management with public policy, remains limited. Faculty focus on departmental expertise, even as the real world demands broader perspectives.

This divide is rooted in India's colonial legacy. Public policy as a systematic discipline matured in countries such as the United States, while in India it often remained confined to political science, public administration, or law. Practitioners from these disciplines often assumed the role of policy experts, rather than professionals trained in public policy as an interdisciplinary field. This legacy, reinforced by centralised bureaucracies and contentment with the *status quo*, slowed the development of public policy as a discipline in its own right. The colonial education system further entrenched this neglect after independence. The result: ad hoc policy processes in government and industry and a traditional higher education system ill-equipped to address policy complexity.

Research think tanks increasingly provide useful policy insights, but their work is often fragmented and project-bound. Consultancy firms, meanwhile, face growing demand to tackle complex policy matters but struggle to find trained policy professionals. Academia has not kept pace with this need.

Integrating public policy into the B-school curricula could enable systemic change. It would equip students to become problem-solvers in business management while engaging actively with policy issues. This approach aligns with India's National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasises interdisciplinarity. Embedding public policy into management studies would train students to analyse problems through multiple frameworks and design solutions addressing both societal challenges and business goals.

For B-schools, the case is stronger still: many consultancy projects they handle from industry and government already carry policy dimensions. Without in-house expertise, their research risks being partial and less impactful.

The urgency is growing. Businesses operate within an ecosystem of rules, regulations, and social expectations. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) rollout, for instance, forced companies to rapidly overhaul systems, and those led by managers alert to regulatory change adapted more smoothly. With tax reforms continuing, regulatory knowledge has become a managerial necessity.

India's new data protection law requires startups and tech firms to rethink how they handle customer information. Policy literacy equips managers to respond effectively. Similarly, the rising Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) requirements are reshaping corporate practices. Global investors increasingly expect Indian firms to meet sustainability standards beyond financial performance. Managers who understand frameworks set by regulators such as SEBI are better placed to attract capital, build trust, and maintain credibility.

These policy aspects cannot be seen in isolation. They demand broad-spectrum frameworks: understanding agendas behind policy-making, using analytical techniques for adaptation, and developing stakeholder engagement skills. Such grounding allows managers to connect policies to wider consequences, resulting in more informed decisions.

Future managers and entrepreneurs must therefore learn to frame problems systematically, explore alternative solutions, engage with diverse stakeholders, anticipate trade-offs, and communicate effectively -- not only with investors, but also with governments and the public.

Introducing public policy concepts into B-schools can bridge this gap, enabling students to navigate the "wicked problems" of societal ecosystems. Leadership now requires more than management acumen; it requires awareness of how business decisions interact with policy outcomes. A successful leader can frame issues logically, contribute to policy discourse, and develop solutions that benefit both markets and society.

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OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: SEPTEMBER 1975

NPC working out options to make nation self-reliant

New Delhi, September 16
The Planning Commission is now taking stock of the state of the economy to ensure that the basic policy aim of greater degree of self- reliant growth at the end of the Fifth Plan is achieved. The commission will consider the question of reducing imports to the minimum level possible.
The exercise, which is expected to take two months, aims to work out options for the Government to achieve the policy aims enunciated in the draft Fifth Plan.

25 YEARS AGO: SEPTEMBER 2000

US supports India's stand on Kashmir and terrorism

Washington, Sept 16
Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee's "highly successful" US visit has enabled the United States to appreciate India's viewpoint on a host of bilateral and international issues, including Kashmir, Pakistan and Afghanistan, amply proving that Indo-US relations have experienced "extraordinary turn- around" in the past two years.
The Clinton administration agrees with India's perception that Taliban in Afghanistan has direct links with the spread of terrorism.

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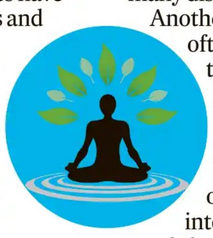
The role of moral well-being

Since ancient times, the medical profession has been considered a noble profession, for its members render a valuable service to mankind by preventing, alleviating, controlling or eliminating disease, pain and suffering. Thus, society has every reason to deeply appreciate and respect them. However, it has been observed recently that many members of the medical profession, in this era of increasing urbanisation, industrialisation, and technological advancement, also face significant pressures of materialism and are often hard-pressed for time.

Constantly in a hurry and focused on providing care to the largest possible number of patients within limited time, they are increasingly preoccupied with the physical well-being of their patients. Even though they are aware that many diseases have psychosomatic components and that a person's personality traits and behavioural patterns play a major role in causing stress, trauma, or aggravating illness, they, for various reasons, are not able to give sufficient attention to the social and moral dimensions of health and disease. The primary reason for this is that their main focus is on the symptoms and prescribing suitable medicines.



But, if we think more deeply, we would realise that without addressing or reducing the psychological or behavioural causes, lasting cures for many diseases are difficult to achieve.

Another important aspect that often goes unrecognised is that the moral or social ill-health of a person not only affects him/her personally but can also indirectly affect others like his/her family, colleagues, or those with whom he/she interacts regularly. In fact, these subtle effects accumulate over time, quietly shaping the overall emotional and social climate of families, workplaces, and communities.

For instance, a person who easily loses his temper or is prone to anxiety not only suffers from avoidable worry and tension but also often unintentionally causes mental stress and anxiety to those around him. That is why many of our problems arise from the moral and social ill-health of individuals, generating chain reactions that disturb the overall atmosphere of peace. While doctors talk about holistic health, we hope that equal attention is also given to the unrest caused by moral or social challenges in shaping the socio-political and socio-economic environment of society. For it is only when both physical and moral health are nurtured that true well-being can be realised.

Politics heats up over Telangana Liberation Day

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HYDERABAD, DHNS

The ongoing political controversy surrounding Hyderabad state's accession day continues to simmer, with Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh set to participate in the official ceremony for 'Telangana Liberation Day' on Wednesday.

Different political parties in Telangana observe September 17 under various names. This date marks when the erstwhile Nizam-ruled Hyderabad state acceded to the Indian Union in 1948.

The Centre officially designated September 17 as 'Telangana Liberation Day' in 2022 and began conducting official ceremonies, while the Telangana government declared the same day as 'National Integration Day' and organizes separate programmes.

Following last year's pattern, this year's official 'Telangana Liberation Day' ceremony will be held at Parade Grounds in Secunderabad, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in attendance. Telangana government had planned a separate programme.

BJP MLC C Anji Reddy said the party has formalised a five-day programme across the state to inform people about the atrocities of erstwhile Nizam rule and its Razakars from September 12 and importance of Telangana Liberation Day.

While September 17 didn't find much resonance until a few years ago, the political parties ensured that the pot-boiler kept simmering.

Hyderabad state, comprising Telangana and parts of present-day Maharashtra and Karnataka, acceded to India on September 17, 1948. This followed an Indian military operation codenamed Operation Polo against the Nizam's Army.

While BJP accuses BRS and Congress of not observing September 17 as Telangana Liberation Day fearing backlash from Muslims as there is a perception that there were many Muslims who were killed during Operation Polo and celebrating the day as Liberation Day would enrage the 'friendly' party AIMIM.

Prepare for unconventional threats: Rajnath to armed forces

Warns against ecological, biological warfare

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addresses the Combined Commanders Conference in Kolkata. Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan is also seen. PTI

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday asked the armed forces to prepare for unconventional threats like "ecological and biological warfare", citing the evolving nature of conflict, making them "sudden and unpredictable".

Addressing the Combined Commanders Conference in Kolkata, the minister said the armed forces must go beyond traditional concepts of war and remain vigilant against invisible challenges emanating from unconventional threats, including information, ideological, ecological and biological warfare, which necessitate constant assessment of global security risks.

He said there is a need for continuous assessment of global developments and their impact on India's security system, in view of the turbulent global order, regional instability and the emerging security landscape.

He also stressed the importance of developing adequate surge capabilities and reducing the teeth-to-tail ratio.

On the much-discussed Sudarshan Chakra, he said a committee has been tasked with preparing a "realistic action plan" over the next five years to ready the components of the weapon system that would be in place by 2035, protecting key Indian cities and installations.

Underlining the relevance of a "technology-friendly" military against the backdrop of recent global conflicts, the defence minister said, "Wars of today are so sudden and unpredictable that it is extremely difficult to foretell their duration. It can be two months, a year or even five years. We need to be prepared. We need to ensure that our surge capacity remains sufficient."

The biennial conference — inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday — is the topmost brainstorming among top military leaders.

The minister also flagged the need for "synergy and jointness" among the forces, terming it "essential" to deal with future challenges. He mentioned the creation of Tri-Service Logistics Nodes and Tri-Service Logistic Management Application to promote integration and jointness, according to a statement issued by the Defence Ministry.

The top political leadership, however, didn't speak on the proposed theaterisation plan under which 17 existing operational commands will be grouped into a few tri-service integrated theatre commands catering to specific threats.

This is the biggest reform planned in higher defence since independence, being pushed by the Modi government, and is understood to be on the agenda of the conference.

The minister released a joint military space doctrine aiming to strengthen India's synergy across the three services in the space domain for national security and strategic advantage.

The Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020 is also being revised to simplify the processes, reduce delays and provide operational strength to the forces.

Central Information Commission left without chief again

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Central Information Commission (CIC) has become headless for the seventh time in 11 years, with the government failing to find a successor for Heeralal Samariya, who retired last Saturday, prompting transparency activists to claim that the delay in appointment is leaving the RTI regime "crippled" and the Supreme Court judgement ignored.

Samariya, who was appointed Chief Information Commissioner on November 6, 2023, retired on Saturday. The CIC is presently functioning with just two commissioners while nine posts lie vacant – that of the Chief Information Commissioner and eight Information Commissioners.

At present, there are around 26,000 appeals and complaints pending with the CIC.

While five new Chief Information Commissioners took over the day after their predecessor demitted office during the Manmohan Singh government, an analysis showed that not a single CIC was chosen in advance so that the transparency watchdog does not go headless.

A successor for Rajiv Mathur, who retired in August 2014, came almost ten months later, on June 10, 2015, after the government appointed Vijai Sharma, but when the latter demitted office in December 2014, his successor, RK Mathur, took over on January 4, 2016.

Mathur's successor, Sudhir Bhargava, was appointed around 40 days later, while Bimal Jhulka, YK Sinha and Samariya were appointed almost a month after their predecessors retired.

Transparency activists Anjali Bhardwaj and Amrita Johri said the government failed to make appointments in a timely manner, even though in each case the date of demitting office was known since their appointment.

The failure to make appointments in the CIC is also a violation of the 2019 judgment of the Supreme Court, in which it ordered to ensure that vacancies are filled in a timely and transparent manner, Bhardwaj and Johri, who are associated with 'National Campaign for People's Right to Information', said.

"Vacancies lead to a large backlog of appeals and complaints, which results in information seekers having to wait for more than one year to have their cases heard and disposed of. This renders the information meaningless for them—information delayed is information denied," they said.

The Union government had issued an advertisement in August 2024, inviting applications for the vacant posts of Information Commissioners, but no appointments have been made, even as the government has filed an affidavit in the SC in January this year promising that the selection process is expected to be completed by April 2025.

In May, the government also issued an advertisement inviting applications for the post of Chief Information Commissioner, and the last date of applying was June 30.

Row erupts as BJP refuses to bear former CM Rupani's funeral expenses

Internal rift between two factions of party possible cause

Union Home Minister Amit Shah pays tribute to former Gujarat Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Vijay Rupani, who died in Ahmedabad plane crash, in Rajkot. PTI FILE

SATISH JHA,
AHMEDABAD, DHNS

A political storm has erupted in Gujarat after revelations that the BJP has refused to bear the expenses of the late former chief minister Vijay Rupani's funeral, who was killed in the tragic Air India crash on June 12 near Ahmedabad airport.

The party had organised a grand funeral in Rajkot four days after his body was identified through DNA testing.

Scores of BJP leaders, including Home Minister Amit Shah, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and BJP national president J P Nadda, had paid tribute to the former chief minister.

According to sources, Rs 25 lakh expenses were incurred for the funeral. The BJP allegedly did not bear the expenses from the party fund, and the bills were passed on to the family. When contacted, Anjani Rupani, wife of the late leader, said she did not want to comment.

The state BJP spokesperson did not take calls or messages from *DH* in this regard. Last Sunday, the party's Gujarat president and Union water resource minister C R Paatil also dodged questions around the controversy during his Rajkot visit.

The controversy is believed to stem from an internal rift between two factions within the party.

Rupani was reportedly sidelined by one of these groups, which is said to have played a key role in his sudden removal as chief minister in 2021, along with the ouster of his entire cabinet. Rupani, who led the state from 2016 to 2021, was succeeded by Bhupendra Patel, a low-profile first-time MLA.

Rupani was also reportedly told by the party high command not to contest in the 2022 Assembly election and was appointed as the BJP in-charge of Punjab and later central observer for Maharashtra.

"The controversy shows how the party with a difference treats its workers. During elections BJP hails its workers, but once they are no longer useful, it throws them away. A person who worked for a party for so many years is being ignored like this after his death; it is a sad state of affairs," said Manish Doshi, Gujarat Congress chief spokesperson.

NEET aspirant shot dead by suspected cattle smugglers in UP

SANJAY PANDEY
LUCKNOW, DHNS

Several police personnel, including senior officials, were injured in clashes between locals and the police after a NEET aspirant was allegedly shot dead by cattle smugglers in Uttar Pradesh's Gorakhpur district on Monday night.

According to sources, cattle smugglers, who were travelling in a pick-up truck, were intercepted by Deepak Gupta, who was riding a scooter.

The smugglers allegedly hit Deepak's scooter from behind and later shot him dead when he fell down, sources said. They dumped his body in a nearby field in Saraiya village. He was rushed to the hospital but was declared dead on arrival.

Villagers chased the smugglers and managed to catch one of them. He was thrashed by the locals.

A police team that reached the spot had to face the wrath of the locals when they tried to rescue the accused.

In the ensuing clash, many police personnel were injured. Some villagers also sustained injuries, sources said.

India envoy meets Nepal's Karki; plans aid to restore landmarks

NEW DELHI, DHNS: With New Delhi planning to offer Kathmandu its support for the reconstruction of the buildings damaged during the recent Gen Z protests, India's ambassador to Nepal, Naveen Srivastava, called on the interim Prime Minister Sushila Karki on Tuesday.

Srivastava handed over to Karki a congratulatory message from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"(The) Nepal-India relations are very special and extraordinary," Karki posted on X.

She noted that the ties between the two neighbouring nations would become 'stronger in the future'.

New Delhi is keen to support the repair of the iconic buildings in Kathmandu, like the Parliament House and the Singh Darbar, which were set ablaze during the protests, a source told *DH*.

Srivastava expressed India's commitment to work together with Nepal for strengthening the close bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries, according to a press release issued by Kathmandu.

A day after Karki was sworn in as the interim prime minister, Modi, on September 13, not only congratulated her but also reached out to the youth of Nepal, lauding them for signalling the advent of a new dawn in their country.

New Delhi is likely to extend an invitation to Karki for an early visit to India.

BICEPS & BALLOTS

Gym selfie to ground strategy: Abhishek's pre-poll workout

ANIRBAN BHAUMIK
KOLKATA, DHNS

Abhishek Banerjee recently posted a photo of himself on Instagram — fresh from a gym session, minus his glasses and swapping his trademark white shirt and dark trousers for a sleeveless T-shirt and shorts. The rare selfie in a never-seen-before macho look went viral, with young members of the Trinamool Congress sharing and reposting it across social media platforms.

But with the West Bengal Assembly polls just a few months away, the Trinamool Congress general secretary is focusing not just on personal fitness, but also on strengthening the party's organisational muscle to retain power and beat the BJP, which emerged as the main Opposition in the state in 2021.

Abhishek, the nephew and de facto heir apparent of TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee, has recently begun meeting party leaders from across the state, starting with the ones considered trouble spots due to infighting or poor electoral performance, such as Bangaon, Birbhum and Purulia.

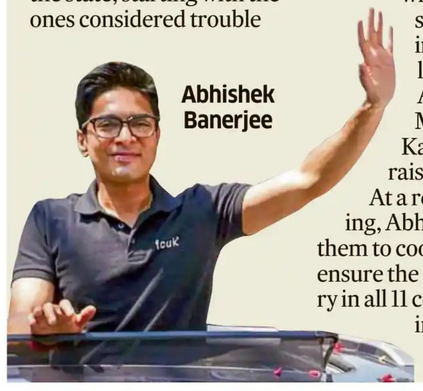
In the 294-member Assembly, the BJP's seat count surged from just 3 in 2016 to 77 in 2021, with its vote share rising from 10.16% to 38.14%.

The TMC won 215 seats in 2021 — three more than its 2016 tally — securing a vote share of 48.02%. Mamata recently said that the party would surpass its 2021 tally in 2026.

The BJP won Bangaon Dakshin and Bangaon Uttar in 2021, mainly by securing support from the Matuas — a sect born out of a 19th-century reformist movement and comprising lower castes once treated as untouchables in undivided Bengal. Now forming nearly 17% of the state's population, they hold sway in 40-45 of the 294 seats.

Last week, Abhishek tasked TMC leaders with regaining Matua support and reclaiming the Bangaon Uttar and Dakshin seats from the BJP.

In Birbhum, despite winning 10 of 11 seats, infighting among local leaders Anubrata Mandal and Kajal Sheikh raised concerns. At a recent meeting, Abhishek urged them to coordinate and ensure the party's victory in all 11 constituencies in the district.



Abhishek Banerjee

Kashmir apple growers halt harvest amid highway blockade

ZULFIKAR MAJID
BARAMULLA, DHNS

Apple traders at Jammu fruit market on Tuesday. Traders complain of large-scale damage to apple boxes after trucks were stranded on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway due to multiple landslides. PTI

In Kashmir's famed apple belt, the orchards should have been buzzing with life by now. Ladders scraping against tree trunks, children carrying half-filled baskets, women sorting apples into wooden boxes, and men shouting prices as trucks lined up at the village edge. Instead, there is silence.

The apples hang heavy and untouched, their crimson sheen a cruel reminder of a harvest put on hold.

"We were ready for the season," said Abdul Majeed, an orchardist in Tangmarg, brushing his hand across a cluster of apples still clinging to the branch. "But how can we pluck them when the first consignment I sent is rotting in a stranded truck on the highway? It feels like all our sweat and toil is being buried under the landslides of Udhampur."

The halt has rippled across the valley. Migrant workers from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, who usually flood the orchards during these weeks, now sit idle under the shade of walnut trees. "Every year, this is the time we earn most of our wages," said Sanjay Kumar. "We are waiting, but waiting does not fill our stomachs."

Pause disrupts rhythm

For families, the pause has disrupted rhythms passed down through generations. "We had stacked cartons, ready to pack," said Fatima, a grower's wife in the nearby Pattan area.

"Now they lie piled in a corner, collecting dust. We listen to weather updates more than the news. One hailstorm, and everything will be gone," she added.

Growers say the orchard is the only bank they trust — their year's savings hanging on the trees. But each passing day of delay is filled with dread. "Every morning I walk through these rows with fear," said Abdul Hamid Dar, a father of three. "I look at the sky, not the ground. A black cloud could mean ruin. We do not sleep well anymore."

The government's much-publicised parcel train from Budgam to Delhi brought a flicker of hope, but to growers, it remains more symbolic than practical. "A handful of wagons cannot carry the burden of Kashmir's orchards," Dar said. "Our apples cannot wait for ceremonies and promises. They need roads."

Kerala's proposed wildlife law changes spark outcry

ARJUN RAGHUNATH
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS

A forum of environmentalists has urged the Kerala government to revoke the proposed amendments to the Wildlife Protection Act, citing that they are unscientific and unconstitutional.

Coexistence Collective Kerala, a group of prominent ecologists and social scientists, pointed out that the amendments were drafted without conducting any scientific studies on the causes of man–animal conflict. Such moves, they warned, could further aggravate these conflicts. The proposed changes are also in violation of earlier court orders.

According to a statement issued by the collective, no scientific studies or consultations with experts were undertaken while preparing the amendments. Even the opinion of the Chief Wildlife Warden, who is the statutory authority on such matters, was not sought.

The provision to immediately kill wild animals that attack human beings could be widely misused and may bypass the legal safeguards prescribed for wildlife. Empowering states to declare animals as vermin could lead to the mass killing of endangered species under political pressure. The amendments, the collective said, were introduced without considering scientific research that identified habitat destruction, quarrying, deforestation and unregulated land use as key drivers of conflict.

The collective also pointed out that the proposed amendments contradict a 2024 high court observation, which stated that the authority to decide on darting or killing a wild animal rests solely with the Chief Wildlife Warden under Section 11 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. District Collectors have no jurisdiction to issue shoot orders. Also, since the proposed amendments breach both the central Wildlife Protection Act and the Constitution, they could be struck down by the court upon judicial review.

Members of the collective said that the provisions in the bills would set a wrong precedent. They urged the government to revoke the draft bill and initiate scientific solutions that protect both human beings and wildlife.

Maoists announce temporary suspension of armed struggle, ask govt to declare 'ceasefire'

RAIPUR, PTI: The outlawed Communist Party of India (Maoist), in a purported statement, has announced a temporary suspension of its armed struggle to facilitate peace talks, but has asked the government to declare a one-month 'ceasefire' and halt security operations to initiate the process.

Reacting to the development, the Chhattisgarh government said it is verifying the authenticity of the statement, which surfaced on social media on Tuesday.

In the purported statement, the rebels have appealed to the government to share their decision on the issue via Internet and government news media.

The two-page statement, dated August 15, was issued in the name of Abhay, a spokesperson of the central committee of Maoists, and came nearly four months after the killing of Nambala Keshav Rao alias Basavaraju, general secretary of the CPI (Maoist), in an encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region.

Chhattisgarh Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma told reporters that the authenticity of the statement was being verified and the best way for Maoists is to surrender and avail rehabilitation benefits.

The term 'ceasefire' is highly objectionable as there is no war-like situation that requires one. In a democracy, talks cannot be conditional, yet once again, they have set preconditions. However, after verifying the statement, discussions will be held within the government, Sharma said.

The Maoists, in the statement said, they had proposed ceasefire to the government earlier, asking for one month's time to consult with the highest leadership comrades of the outfit. But unfortunately, the central government did not express its favourable stand on it. Rather, it has further intensified its operations, it said.

The CPI (Maoist) offered direct talks with the Centre.

"We are ready to talk to the Union Home Minister or persons appointed by him or a delegation on this issue. But we will have to inform the party about our changed opinion. Therefore, our request to the central government is to give us one month to consult with our comrades working in different states across the country and those imprisoned," it said.

The statement also carried a note, saying it was issued late due to several reasons.

SC: Devotees don't offer money to temples for setting up marriage halls

Suggests such funds be used for charitable purposes such as education

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to stay a High Court order, which held that temple funds could not be treated as public or government funds, and that the money offered by devotees was not meant for the construction of marriage halls.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta, while hearing the pleas challenging the Madras High Court's decision, said, "Devotees do not offer their money to the temple for the purpose of setting up these marriage halls. It may be for the improvement of the temple."

"If there is a marriage party going on in a temple's premises and all kinds of vulgar songs are played, is that the purpose of a temple's land," the bench further asked.

The court felt that such money can be utilised for charitable purposes such as education and towards medical institutions.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi and other lawyers were representing the petitioners.

The bench observed that the issue was whether the decision taken by the government was right or wrong.

The court, however, agreed to hear the challenge and fixed the matter for hearing on November 19.

"We will hear this matter. We are not granting any stay order to the petitioners," the bench said.

The Madurai bench of the Madras High Court had quashed the government orders allowing the construction of marriage halls with funds belonging to five temples at different locations in Tamil Nadu.

The high court, in an order passed on August 19, held that the government's decision to construct marriage halls for rental purposes by giving them for wedding functions wasn't within the definition of "religious purposes".

In the high court, it was contended that the government had no jurisdiction to utilise temple funds or surplus funds for the construction of marriage halls under the provisions of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act and its rules.

The state's counsel told the high court that the performance of Hindu marriages were religious activities and in order to assist Hindus to perform the marriages with less expenditures, the government decided to construct the marriage halls.

'Go and ask the deity': SC rejects plea for restoring idol in Khajuraho

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to consider a plea seeking directions to reconstruct and reinstall a seven-foot idol of Lord Vishnu at the Javari Temple, part of the Unesco World Heritage Khajuraho temple complex in Madhya Pradesh.

"This is purely a publicity interest litigation. Go and ask the deity himself to do something. If you are saying that you are a strong devotee of Lord Vishnu, then you pray and do some meditation," a bench of Chief Justice of India B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran told petitioner Rakesh Dalal.

The petitioner has moved the top court seeking a direction for the replacement and consecration of the damaged idol at the Javari Temple in Chhatarpur district.

His plea sought a replacement/ reconstruction/ rejuvenation of the idol of the Lord Vishnu and install/ consecrate the same at the Javeri temple, Khajuraho, Chhatarpur District, Madhya Pradesh in place of the headless 7-foot-long idol.

After 7 yrs, Mahesh Raut gets bail in Bhima Koregaon case

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted interim bail to Mahesh Raut, an accused in the Bhima Koregaon-Elgar Parishad case, on medical grounds for a period of six weeks.

A bench of Justices M M Sundresh and Satish Chandra Sharma granted the relief to Raut, who was arrested under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, over his alleged Maoist links.

He has been in custody since June 2018.

Senior advocate Chander Uday Singh, appearing for Raut, submitted that he suffered from Rheumatoid Arthritis, an autoimmune disorder that attacks the bones and muscles.

He said that Raut was earlier granted bail on merits by the Bombay High Court on September 21, 2023, but the High Court had then stayed the order for a week to enable the NIA to file an appeal before the apex court.

Upon the NIA's appeal, the court had in October 2023, granted a stay on the High Court's order.

The apex court extended the stay from time to time till today, as a result of which Raut couldn't be enlarged on bail in the case, the counsel said.

The court allowed the plea and granted bail to Raut.

"The applicant (Mahesh Raut) is seeking interim bail on medical grounds coupled with the fact that he was actually granted bail, we are inclined to grant medical bail for a period of six weeks," the bench said.

A counsel for the NIA opposed the plea, contending that the allegations against Raut were serious as he was accused of transferring funds to Maoists.

The top court eventually granted bail to Raut.

The court also decided to hear in October bail plea of co-accused Jyoti Jagtap in case.

Baghel's son handled Rs 1k cr of 'liquor scam' proceeds: ED

RAIPUR, PTI: Chaitanya Baghel, son of former CM Bhupesh Baghel, was at the helm of the syndicate behind the "liquor scam" in Chhattisgarh and personally handled nearly Rs 1,000 crore generated from it, the ED has alleged in its prosecution complaint.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has also claimed Chaitanya knowingly assisted in the concealment, possession, acquisition and use of proceeds of crime, acting in conspiracy with other members of the syndicate.

Bombay HC questions Malegaon blast victims' appeal

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday questioned an appeal filed by relatives of Malegaon blast victims, saying it was "not an open gate for everyone." The court asked whether the appellants had been examined as witnesses during the trial.

A division bench heard the plea, which was filed by six family members through the Jamiat Ulema Maharashtra (Arshad Madani) Legal Aid Committee. The appeal challenges the July 31 acquittal of seven men in the 2008 Malegaon blast, which killed several people.

The appellants are Nisar Ahmed Haji Syed Bilal, Sheikh Liaquat Mohiuddin, Sheikh Ishaq Sheikh Yousaf, Usman Khan Ainullah Khan, Mushtaq Shah Haroon Shah and Sheikh Ibrahim Sheikh.

The National Investigation Agency court acquitted the accused, citing lack of evidence. Those cleared include former BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur, retired Military Intelligence officer Lt Col Prasad Purohit, Sudhakar Dhar Dwivedi, retired Maj Ramesh Upadhyaya, Ajay, also known as Raja Rahirkar and Sudhakar Onkarnath Chaturvedi.

Advocates Mateen Shaikh and Shahid Nadeem represented the families in court.

During the hearing, counsel said the son of appellant Nisar Ahmed was killed in the blast.

The bench observed that if the appellant's son had died in the attack, the appellant should have been examined as a witness. "You (appellants) have to indicate whether or not they were witnesses. This is not an open gate for everyone," the bench said.

The case will be heard again on Wednesday.

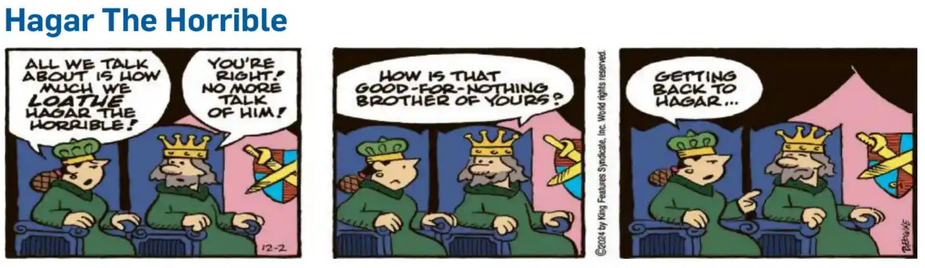
MISCELLANY

◆ COMICS ◆

Blondie

SOMETIMES THE HARDEST PART OF BAKING IS WAITING WHILE SOMETHING BAKES
I KNOW
BUT THAT'S USUALLY A GOOD TIME TO CLEAN OR PLAN THE NEXT BAKE
TRUE
OR TAKE AN EARLY LUNCH BREAK AND WATCH TIKTOK BAKING VIDEOS

Hagar The Horrible


ALL WE TALK ABOUT IS HOW MUCH WE LOATHE HAGAR THE HORRIBLE!
YOU'RE RIGHT! NO MORE TALK OF HIM!
HOW IS THAT GOOD-FOR-NOTHING BROTHER OF YOURS?
GETTING BACK TO HAGAR...

Beetle Bailey

THE GOVERNMENT IS SENDING EFFICIENCY INSPECTORS TO CAMP SWAMPY
WHAT'S TO INSPECT?
THE INEFFICIENCY SHOULD BE OBVIOUS
Z
GREG + MORT WALKER

Peanuts

NOW, ABOUT THIS REPORT I'M DOING FOR SCHOOL...
"OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS"
I'VE BEEN WONDERING WHAT YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THE TITLE...
IT'S PROBABLY A LITTLE PRESUMPTUOUS

Marvin

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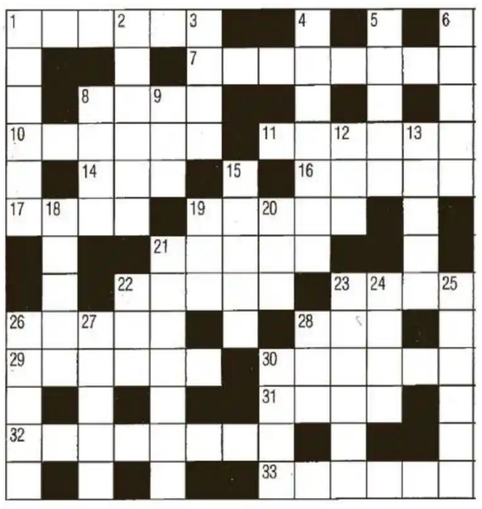

CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 Buzz about blunderingly (6)
7 Send to a police inspector's own area (8)
8 Awfully good yet no good as sound (4)
10 Free to take a girl out at the weekend (6)
11 The Italian in town weaves carpet (6)
14 For example, good thing for breakfast (3)
16 She's relatively pleasant around closing time (5)
17 What someone did to the rent book (4)
19 A sign of the colour of money, at some stage (5)
21 The one in my possession has cash value (5)
22 Meant me to help out (5)
23 Friendship with James? (4)
26 Charges different rates (5)
28 He gets a letter from a lady (3)
29 They increase the risk of being bitten (6)
30 In favour of getting established at Nottingham? (6)
31 Were in jug (4)
32 Wild mood I get with great pleasure (4,4)
33 Described as fashionable? (6)

DOWN
1 A blow to one's hopes of a formal meal? (6)
2 A game for non-swimmers? (6)
3 Marginally nervous (4)
4 See about a ring being flexible (7)
5 Say something in bad taste (5)
6 With some internal pain, she will do well (5)
8 A chance to walk over water? (4)
9 A talking horse! (3)
12 Not only a golfer hates a bad one (3)
13 Canoe water? (5)
15 Vessel covering the interior? (5)
18 Work with Edward, as chosen (5)
19 Automated moggy? (3)
20 Boy's name for a semitone, note! (3)
21 Is a term possibly meaning to attach false value (7)
22 Is numerous! (3)
23 How the ecdysiast only just succeeds? (6)
24 The river with the red-backed duck (4)
25 Like a line that makes several points (6)
26 Dance that originated in Tonga? (5)
27 Something like "adieu", maybe said out of love (5)
28 Many a cry is not loud (3)
30 From start to finish, festivities cost money! (4)

EASY

ACROSS
1 Hand tool (6)
7 Draw near to (8)
8 Prejudice (4)
10 House of God (6)
11 Of rites (6)
14 Acquire (3)
16 Compact, firm (5)
17 Otherwise (4)
19 Anteroom (5)
21 Waterway (5)
22 Female fox(5)
23 Rain heavily (4)
26 Stay clear of (5)
28 Produce eggs (3)
29 Exhibit or flaunt (6)
30 Noiseless (6)
31 Golf pegs (4)
32 Daddy longlegs (5,3)
33 One or the other (6)

DOWN
1 Gum-like substance (6)
2 Private evening party (6)
3 Whip (4)
4 Fast warship (7)
5 Afghan capital (5)
6 Young human (5)
8 Micro-organisms (4)
9 Perform (3)
12 Hill (3)
13 Gangway (5)
15 Hang in the air (5)
18 Insect grub (5)
19 Mend or repair (3)
20 Monetary unit (3)
21 Conundrums (7)
22 By way of (3)
23 Above average ability (6)
24 Viewing organs (4)
25 Female parent (6)
26. Quickly (5)
27 Keyboard instrument (5)
28 Falsehood (3)
30 Eyelid inflammation (4)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12247

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 1, I-deal 6, Route 9, S-O-me-how 10, Scrip 11, B-L-and 12, Bo-O-bs 13, Pole-MIC 15, Nil 17, Iris 18, P-raise 19, All-ay 20, Circle 22, Semi 24, Hoe 25, Stetson 26, Cr-EC-y 27, Divot 28, Arose 29, Peerage 30, Sewed 31, Odile.
DOWN: 2, Do-Ct.-or 3, A-side's 4, Lop 5, Me'-doc 6, Robbery 7, Owls 8,Tennis 12, Bible 13, Pinch 14, Litre 15, Nin-ES 16, Le-t-i-n 18, Part-y 19, Alert-ed. 21, IO-dine 22, Stored 23, Morse-l 25, Score 26, Cop-E 28, Ago.

EASY
ACROSS: 1, As for 6, Steak 9, Popular 10, Bleed 11, Coupe 12, Eight 13, Embargo 15, Pad 17, Airs 18, Attire 19,Tears 20, Escort 22, Sofa 24, Sue 25, Monitor 26, Milan 27, Ambit 28, Spite 29, Comical 30, Order 31, Yearn.
DOWN: 2, Salami 3, Operas 4, Rod 5, Audio 6, Sachets 7,Trot 8, Appear 12, Egret 13, Eaves 14, Bruce 15, Pivot 16, Debar 18, Argon 19,Traitor 21, Summer 22, Simple 23, Foster 25, Magic 26, Mice 28, Say.

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SOLUTION TO 6702

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To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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O1 O1 U1 R1 N1 N1 P3 — RACK 3
S1 R1 W4 T1 H4 E1 I1 — 4th Letter Triple — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 105-115
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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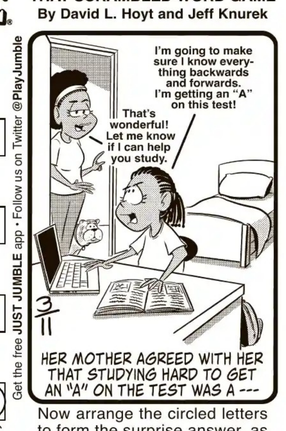
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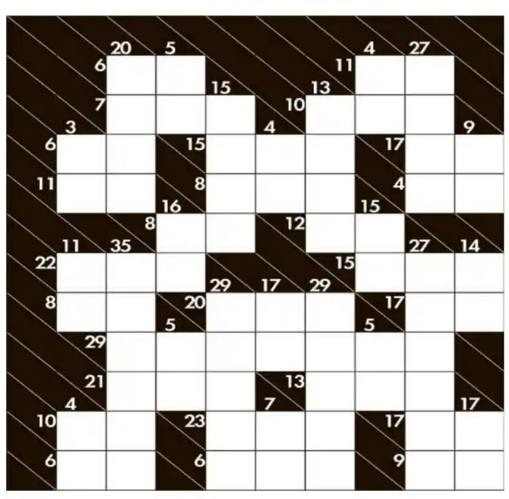

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Srinivas Phatak

Unilever picks longtime insider Srinivas Phatak as finance chief

REUTERS: Unilever named Srinivas Phatak as its new finance chief on Tuesday, as CEO Fernando Fernandez turned to a long-serving insider to stabilise leadership at the consumer goods giant as it navigates a period of organisational change.

The maker of Dove soaps and Hellmann's mayonnaise, said it had conducted a thorough search process within and outside the company and the board was united in its decision after Phatak "performed strongly" as interim CFO earlier this year.

Phatak, 53, took on the acting CFO role in February, after Unilever unexpectedly ousted CEO Hein Schumacher and promoted finance chief Fernando Fernandez to the chief executive post.

Having been with Unilever for over 25 years, Phatak has covered all parts of the business and corporate finance. He most recently served as deputy CFO and Controller.

"Srinivas has been a great partner over the last six months as acting CFO and over many years as part of the Unilever leadership team," Fernandez said in a statement.

Phatak steps into the position at a pivotal time as Unilever prepares to spin off its ice cream business later this year and Fernandez looks to streamline management and bolster margins.

"His leadership and constructive challenge will be very valuable in driving consistent volume growth, margin expansion, and advancing our growth story," Fernandez said.

Phatak will get an annual fixed pay of 1.2 million euros ($1.42 million) and be eligible to get an annual bonus and performance share plan awards, the statement said.

Phatak was CFO of Hindustan Unilever Limited and vice president of finance for South Asia from 2017 to mid-2021, during which the India business enjoyed market share gains and margin expansion.

MNRE draws up national policy on geothermal energy

Tapping into new renewable source towards net-zero goals

NEW DELHI, PTI

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has prepared a national policy to promote geothermal energy which can be an additional source in meeting India's renewable energy and net-zero goals.

Geothermal energy harnesses heat stored within the earth's crust. High-enthalpy resources, often associated with volcanic regions, geysers and hot springs are primarily used for electricity generation.

As per the document on National Policy on Geothermal Energy, India's renewable energy (RE) growth is vital for achieving ambitious climate change targets and the 2070 net-zero goal. India's geothermal potential, rooted in its unique geological settings, remains largely untapped.

While solar, wind, bioenergy, and hydropower dominate RE capacity, geothermal energy can be a significant additional resource, and geothermal energy is included under the MNRE's Allocation of Business Rules.

The goal of the policy is to improve research capabilities on geothermal energy development and deployment, advanced geothermal exploration, improve drilling techniques, geothermal reservoir management and cost-effective power generation, and direct-use technologies adoption.

It aims to collaborate with ministries, international geothermal development bodies and national research institutes to incorporate global best practices in exploration, resource assessment, and technology deployment.

Geothermal energy harnesses heat stored within the earth's crust.

Besides, it aims to establish and promote advanced geothermal exploration through coordination with the oil and gas sector, involving deep and multilateral drilling, repurposing of abandoned wells for large-scale power generation in India.

On geothermal potential sites in India, the policy said 10 geothermal provinces have been identified by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) which include Himalayan Geothermal Province, Naga-Lusai, Andaman Nicobar Islands and Son-Narmada Tapi, among others.

The ministry shall facilitate the creation of a geothermal resource data repository through Intergovernmental/inter-agency collaboration.

The Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) Data Repository may be made available for utilization by eligible operators or developers for geothermal prospective analysis, subject to compliance with the procedures and guidelines prescribed under the National Data Repository framework.

Operators or developers shall be permitted to conduct geothermal resource assessment surveys for research and development purposes, as well as detailed assessments. Upon completion of the planned surveys, operators shall be required to submit all acquired geothermal data to the designated geothermal data repository.

Currently, 100 per cent FDI is allowed in renewables. Preference shall be given to indigenous geothermal technologies for reduction of dependency on imported equipment by encouraging local innovation in drilling and downhole measurement/monitoring technologies and reservoir management.

To promote geothermal energy, the central government, state governments and agencies may issue additional guidelines or incentives for geothermal energy development which is both sustainable and bankable.

PFRDA allows bespoke pension plans in $175 bn industry

This will give account holders a bouquet of funds to choose from

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The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) will permit individual pension houses to launch tailor-made investment plans in what could be a major overhaul for the $175 billion industry.

Account holders will now be able to operate multiple pension programmes, compared with just one earlier, the retirement fund regulator said in a filing Tuesday. The change will help subscribers align their retirement and wealth building goals, PFRDA said.

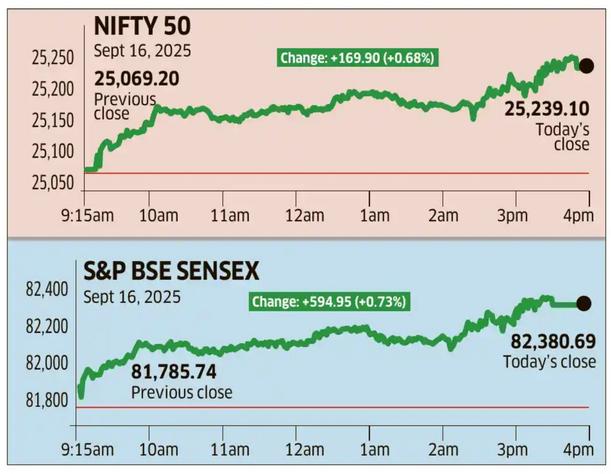
Even though the country's pensions are growing quickly, pensioners generally have little flexibility in how their savings are invested as the regulator sought to control risks. Typically, managers of funds like SBI Pension Fund Pvt. Ltd or ICICI Prudential Pension Fund buy securities to match the asset mix of plans predetermined by PFRDA.

The new proposal will allow pension fund houses to create their own bespoke products catering to a wider range of investor preferences and risk appetite. That would allow the funds to advertise a wider range of potential returns, and target customers more specifically.

At present, pensions under the National Pension System are allowed to invest in four asset classes — equity, debt sold by companies, government bonds and alternative investment funds. The customer can choose from a handful of pre-determined PFRDA plans according to their individual risk appetite.

The filing said subscribers will benefit from an expansion of choice and personalization, while fund managers will be able to offer more innovative products and deepen the market.

The industry in recent years has been increasingly attracting foreign investment through joint ventures. About four years ago, the regulator raised the limit for foreign direct investment to 74% from 49%.



Benchmarks at two-month highs; trade optimism, Fed hopes aid

REUTERS: Shares rose on Tuesday, led by gains in auto stocks on signs of demand recovery and buoyed by optimism over progress in trade negotiations with the US ahead of the Federal Reserve's rate decision

The Nifty 50 added 0.68% to 25,239.1, the highest close since July 10, and the BSE Sensex rose 0.73% to 82,380.69, the highest close since July 23.

The auto index gained 1.4%, led by Mahindra & Mahindra's 2.2% rise. The sub-index snapped a five-session losing streak.

Nomura analysts flagged early signs of demand recovery in the sector following cuts to the Goods and Services Tax (GST), naming Mahindra & Mahindra, Hyundai Motor India , TVS Motors, and Ashok Leyland as their top picks.

Energy stocks rose 0.9%, gaining for a fifth straight session. HSBC noted that government support for oil marketing companies and steady fuel demand could drive earnings.

The Nifty FMCG index was the only sub-index to decline, edging 0.27% down.

The broader small-caps and mid-caps added about about 1% and 0.5%, respectively.

Other Asian markets also rose, as investors positioned for an expected US rate cut on Wednesday that could spur foreign flows into emerging markets such as India.

Optimism following India and the US resuming negotiations, weeks after Washington imposed punitive tariffs on New Delhi's purchase of Russian oil, also supported sentiment, said Kranthi Bathini, director of equity strategy at Wealthmills Securities.

"Expectations of a US Federal Reserve rate cut have also reinforced the positive global backdrop," said Bathini.

Bengaluru leads in fitness tech funding at $898 million

UMA KANNAN
BENGALURU, DHNS

When it comes to the fitness sector, Bengaluru leads the funding landscape raising $897.6 million in the last 10 years, with major contributions from Cult.fit ($666.6 million) and HealthifyMe ($145.3 million).

The city is home to 103 startups, according to data released by market intelligence platform Tracxn on Tuesday. From 2016 to September 2025, the fitness tech space has secured $989 million in all-time equity funding across 203 rounds, and Bengaluru leads with $897.6 million, distantly followed by Mumbai ($33.2 million) and Pune (19.9 million). However, this year, the sector managed to raise only $7 million, reflecting a slowdown from earlier peaks as investors adopt a more measured stance.

The sector spans wearables, connected gym equipment, fitness apps, and AI-powered platforms offering personalised workouts, nutrition tracking, and health monitoring.

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There are over 600 active startups in this space, of which 96 are currently funded.

So far this year, FITTR, which provides personalised fitness and nutrition plans, secured $3 million in a Series A round from Rainmatter. Other startups that raised capital this year include Cult.fit, Gabit, Yoska, and Fitelo.

The report said investment in the country's fitness tech sector is largely centred around key urban hubs, where the startup activity and investor interest are strongest.

More than 100 venture capitalists have invested in fitness tech till this year so far and among them, Chiratae Ventures leads with 11 rounds, followed by Blume Ventures and Kalaari Capital, with 8 each. Also, the sector has witnessed only one unicorn so far. Cult.fit joined the unicorn club in November 2021.

Neha Singh, Co-Founder of Tracxn, said, "India's fitness tech ecosystem is entering a phase of steady maturity, shaped by a combination of rising health awareness, supportive policy initiatives and rapid digital adoption. Investors continue to see strong long-term potential here, even as funding in recent years has been more measured."

She added that category leaders such as Cult.fit and HealthifyMe have drawn sustained backing, while startups across the sector are innovating with AI-driven nutrition, connected equipment, wearables, and immersive platforms that go beyond traditional fitness to create holistic health experiences. "This convergence of consumer demand, technology innovation, and investor confidence is building the foundation for the sector to scale meaningfully and establish itself as a core part of India's wellness economy," she added.

Nothing raises $200 mn from Tiger Global, Nikhil Kamath

BENGALURU, DHNS: UK-based smartphone maker Nothing announced on Tuesday that it has raised $200 million in a Series C round at a $1.3 billion valuation. It will build an AI-native platform in which hardware and software converge into a single intelligent system.

Carl Pei

"This funding round allows us to execute on this vision by accelerating our innovation roadmap and further scaling our distribution. Our round was led by Tiger Global, with significant support from existing shareholders GV, Highland Europe, EQT, Latitude, I2BF and Tapestry, alongside new strategic backing from Nikhil Kamath and Qualcomm Ventures," Carl Pei, CEO and Co-founder of Nothing said.

Pei founded Nothing in 2020 after leaving OnePlus, and in 2022, he introduced the brand's first smartphone.

"When we started Nothing, we had a thesis that if we could build a smartphone business at scale and own the last-mile distribution point in consumer tech, we would be well-positioned for the next technology shift. Although we didn't know what that would look like at the time, the opportunity is now crystal clear. From the start, we knew that the foundation had to be an end-to-end value chain capable of delivering products at speed, scale, and quality. As we've seen from many others who have tried, building a hardware company is hard. There are many potential failure points and almost no room for error," the co-founder said.

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ITC Foods, PE firms in race for around 10% stake in Balaji Wafers

NEW DELHI, PTI: Over a dozen firms, including leading private equity firms, are in the fray to acquire a 10-15% stake in Balaji Wafers, where the promoters are diluting their stake, according to industry sources. PE firms, including Temasek, which recently acquired a 10% stake in Haldiram, along with TPG, ADIA (Abu Dhabi Investment Authority) and some 10 other VC/PE names, are in discussion with the promoters to acquire a minority stake in Balaji Wafers. Besides FMCG companies, ITC Foods is also in the race to acquire a stake in Gujarat-based Balaji Wafers.

'Anti-fraud offensive led to 68.7% drop in value of financial losses'

NEW DELHI, PTI: Bharti Airtel on Monday said its anti-fraud initiatives have led to a "significant decline" in cybercrime complaints, citing MHA-I4C data of 68.7% decrease in the value of financial losses and a 14.3% drop in overall cybercrime incidents on its network.

The data analysed by the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) - Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) compares key cybercrime indicators from September 2024 (a period prior to the launch of Airtel's Fraud and spam detection solution) with those from June 2025.

Gopal Vittal, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Bharti Airtel, informed that in the past one year, the company's AI-powered network solutions have identified over 48.3 billion spam calls and blocked 3.2 lakh fraudulent links.

"However, we see this as small steps in a much larger fight. We will continue to innovate and invest heavily in this area until our networks are free of digital spam and scams," Vittal said.

Gold surges Rs 1,800 to Rs 1.15 lakh/10 g in Delhi

NEW DELHI, PTI: Gold price surged Rs 1,800 to touch a fresh peak of Rs 1,15,100 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday amid a weak US dollar and growing expectations of rate cut by the Federal Reserve.

According to the All India Sarafa Association, the precious metal of 99.5% purity appreciated Rs 1,800 to hit a record high of Rs 1,14,600 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes).

In the local bullion market, gold of 99.9% and 99.5% purity dipped Rs 500 each to close at Rs 1,13,300 and Rs 1,12,800

per 10 grams in the previous market session.

"Gold reached another record high on Tuesday with a weak US dollar and growing expectations for multiple rate cuts by the Federal Reserve fuel this rally. The dollar index has dropped to its lowest level in ten weeks, which continues to support the rally in precious metal prices," said Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities.

In addition, silver climbed Rs 570 to hit an all-time high of Rs 1,32,870 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes) on Tuesday. The white metal had ended at Rs 1,32,300 per kg on Monday. "The rally has been further fuelled by US President Donald Trump's increasing pressure on the Federal Reserve to implement a larger interest rate cut at the FOMC policy meeting.

TRICKY TRADE

'US threats of more tariffs on India will backfire'

ANDY MUKHERJEE
BLOOMBERG

A Western trade alliance against the world's two most-populous nations is a silly idea. As a mechanism to discipline a third country, it's dangerous. China has gone past the point in its development where it could be threatened with sanctions without tanking the global economy. Those directed at India could be a huge strategic misstep.

The White House says it wants to smash Vladimir Putin's war machine in Ukraine by imposing tariffs of as much as 100% on China and India, the two biggest buyers of Russian energy, provided its friends in the European Union and the Group of Seven come on board.

But how can they? The EU may not have an internal consensus — a pro-Kremlin Hungarian leadership is likely to block any such secondary sanctions. Nor will Japan and the UK want to jeopardise their interests in Asia by making the US trade war their own.

For reasons that have nothing to do with the war in Ukraine, a joint front against China may resonate with some manufacturers in the euro area. Over the past decade, the People's Republic has gone from being a trade partner of advanced nations to a rival that makes the same things as them. A tariff-induced rerouting of its US exports may mean a deluge of Chinese cars, office equipment, household appliances, and furniture in Europe. Joining President Donald Trump's campaign could be a shield against price competition.

Any such protectionist measure would be anti-consumer, however. Given China's control of critical raw materials like rare earths, it would also be impractical. Beijing has effectively leveraged that chokehold, both between 2010 and 2015, and more recently in its spat with Washington. There's no reason why it won't do so again against a broader coalition.

The case for penalising India is even more illogical. It isn't a strategic rival to rich economies, and won't be for decades. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has just signed a free-trade agreement with the UK. A deal with Brussels is in the works. Japanese automakers like Suzuki Motor Corp and Honda Motor Co have patiently invested in the country for years, and now financial institutions like Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc and Mizuho Financial Group Inc are looking to expand, too.

Since it has none of China's bargaining chips, Trump has found it easy to target India for buying discounted Russian oil. A threat of further punishment, however, could backfire. Especially if it's used as a tactic to prize open an agricultural economy that barely manages to balance the interests of farmers and the urban poor.

It doesn't look like Washington wants to push New Delhi into the outstretched arms of Beijing and Moscow. Even as Trump ratchets up the threat of higher tariffs — beyond the 50% already imposed — he's also confident of being able to conclude a trade deal.

That puts Modi, his "very good friend," in a tight spot. Indian trade negotiators would still want a deal where they slash duties on most manufactured goods while accepting US tariffs of around 20%. That would protect export competitiveness at the same level as Southeast Asia. But America's demands don't stop at demanding an end to Indian refiners' purchases of Russian oil. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick has also expressed his disappointment that 1.4 billion people don't buy a single bushel of US corn.

It won't make much of a difference to them if Trump doubles the tariff. What would sting, however, is if the government now capitulates on agriculture. Any such concession may be exploited by Modi's political opponents as taking away the unemployed industrial workers' last vestige of protection in their village hideout. That could set off fresh protests against a prime minister who has been at the receiving end of farmers' ire for much of his 11 years in power.

Anvay Dravid

Anvay, Easa and Atharv star in Combined City XI's big win

BENGALURU, DHNS: The destruction that Eesa Hakeem Puthige caused was well complemented by his team-mates Anvay Dravid and Atharv Malviya as Combined City XI posted a massive innings and 211-run win against Raichur Zone at the KSCA Under-19 Inter Zonal cricket tournament here at the BGS ground.

LOCAL CRICKET

A struggling Raichur Zone were bowled out for 134 runs in 49.3 overs in the first innings with Eesa claiming three wickets. In reply, Combined City XI amassed 436/9 in 90 overs courtesy two centuries -- one by Anvay (159 off 185 balls) and other by Atharv (115 off 163 balls) -- that neutralised Shreyasagoud Patil (4/78) and Samarth Kulkarni's (3/101) combined effort.

Enjoying a substantial lead, Eesa went for the kill in the second innings to pick a six-for (6/12) that toppled the opponents for a paltry 91 all out in 36 overs.

The outright win gave Combined City XI six points while Raichur Zone were deducted a point.

Brief scores: Raichur Zone: 134 all out in 49.3 overs (Mohd. Mohib Jamadar 52; Eesa Hakeem Puthige 3-16, Sujith 3-28, Raghav Karthik 2-18) and 91 all out in 36 overs (Arpith Rajeev Naganand 33; Eesa Hakeem Puthige 6-12, Leshan S 2-15) lt to Combined City XI: 436/9 in 90 overs (Atharv Malviya 115, Aadharsh SJ 38, Anvay Dravid 159, Jeevan JV 48; Shreyasagoud Patil 4-78, Samarth Kulkarni 3-101). **Combined City XI: 6 points; Raichur Zone: -1 point.**

Mysore Zone: 308 all out in 71.2 overs (Praneeth Shetty 29, Roshan Raju 44, Varun Patel Lokesha 40, Swayam Raje Urs V 75; Khush Kothari 2-58, Tejas KA 4-52, Arya J Gowda 4-50) drew with Bangalore City XI: 330/5 in 90 overs (Vishruth Uday Krishna 51, Arya J Gowda 117 n.o., Sidharth Akhil 30, Nishchinth Parmashwar 60; Tharun Kumar Kl 2-49). **Bangalore City XI: 3; Mysore Zone: 1.**

Shivamogga Zone: 141 all out in 62.3 overs (Mourya MC 33; CN Gaurav Appanna 2-22, Ayush S Acharya 4-35, Mohammed Maazin 2-15, Vihaan C 2-17) and 158/9 in 41 overs (Mourya MC 67, Pradyumna AN 51; Ayush S Acharya 4-74, Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 4-21) drew with Mangalore Zone: 213 all out in 73.4 overs (Gagan Rao S 44, Rishab B Nayak 36, Surya Thribhuvan HS 25, Raj Pande 35; Virat R Ganya 4-39, Preetham Raj K 3-40, Ajith MC 3-33). **Mangalore Zone: 3; Shivamogga Zone: 1.**

Tumkur Zone: 194 all out in 84.1 overs (K Akhil 50, Rohith AA 87; Soham B Patil 2-23, Sanket Shetty 5-24) and 53/4 in 27 overs (Rohith AA 29 n.o.; Vinayak Pande 3-19) drew with Dharwad Zone: 310/6 decl. in 74 overs (Raed 28, Siddesh A Asalkar 42, Ayush M Patil 50, Manikanth Shivanand 104 n.o., Pavan R Shelled 47; Rohith AA 2-37). **Dharwad Zone: 3; Tumkur Zone: 1.**

Bangalore Zone: 129 all out in 53.2 overs (Hemang Srinivasan 37, Aryaman Jhalani 42; Samyak Vellalore 3-28, Gaurav Venkatesh 3-12, Hardhik Chandra 3-20) and 134 all out in 45.2 overs (Aadesh D Urs 26, Vaibhav C 43 n.o.; Samyak Vellalore 2-17, Roshan K Naidu 2-25, Sunny Kanchi 3-20, Hardhik Chandra 2-23) drew with President's XI: 185 all out in 74 overs (Sameer Deepak Godhi 46, Pranav Kedlaya 27, Samyak Vellalore 31; Susheel R Udupi 2-25, Vaasav Venkatesh 2-29, Nihal Gowda K 5-56). **President's XI: 3; Bangalore Zone: 1.**

ED summons Uthappa, Yuvraj

NEW DELHI, PTI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned former cricketers Robin Uthappa and Yuvraj Singh, and actor Sonu Sood for questioning in an alleged illegal online betting app linked money laundering case, officials said on Tuesday.

Uthappa (39), Yuvraj (43) and Sood (52) have been asked to depose during the next week and get recorded their statements under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in a case linked to a platform named 1xBet, the officials said.

While Uthappa has been asked to depose on September 22, Yuvraj has been called on September 23 followed by Sood on September 24, they said. The federal probe agency has questioned former cricketers Suresh Raina and Shikhar Dhawan over the last few weeks as part of this investigation.

ATHLETICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kipyegon cements legendary status

Tinch tames 110m hurdles; Katzberg sets new record

TOKYO, AFP

American Cordell Tinch **(in pic)** lived up to a fine season of form to win the men's 110 metres hurdles at the world championships on Tuesday. Tinch clocked 12.99 seconds for gold ahead of the Jamaican duo of Orlando Bennett and Tyler Mason, who each timed personal bests of 13.08 and 13.12, respectively.

Earlier in the evening, Grant Holloway's bid for a fourth consecutive world title came crashing to a halt when the American could only finish sixth in his semi-final.

This came amid Canada's Ethan Katzberg claimed a third global hammer title in three years when he launched his second attempt a massive 84.70 metres that made him the fifth-longest thrower in history.

Meanwhile, Kenya's Faith Kipyegon produced a trademark devastating last lap to win an unprecedented fourth world women's 1,500 metres title. The Kenyan, also a three-time Olympic champion over the distance, timed 3 minutes 52.15 seconds to add another gold to her incredible medal haul that guarantees her place in the pantheon of the very best middle-distance runner.

The 23-year-old Katzberg, who was incredibly over 81 metres with all six throws, is now a double world champion either side of his Olympic triumph last year.

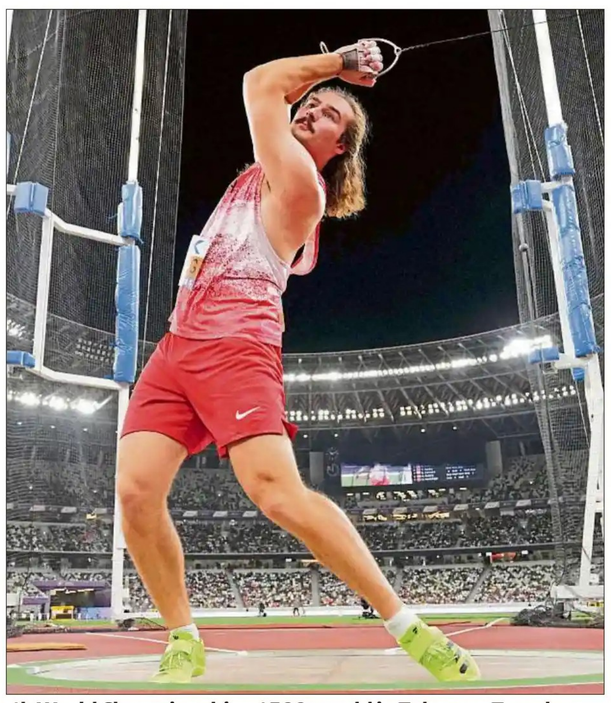
He broke the previous record by 83.63, set by Ivan Tsikhan of Belarus in 2007. His win made it a hammer double for Canada in Tokyo after Camryn Rogers completed the same global hat-trick on Monday.

In a final of stellar quality, Germany's Merlin Hummel took silver after he hugely improved his personal best from 81.27 to 82.77 with his first throw. Hungary's Olympic silver medallist Bence Halasz added a third world bronze to his collection with 82.69 metres.

Sarvesh leaps to PB

India's unheralded high jumper Sarvesh Kushare finished a creditable sixth with a personal best of 2.28m, a mere centimeter short of the national record, two days after becoming the first Indian to qualify for the medal round in the event, reports PTI.

Results: Men: 110m hurles : Cordell Tinch (USA) 12.99s, 1; Orlando Bennett (JAM) 13.08, 2; Tyler Mason (Jam) 13.12, 3. Hammer Throw: Ethan Katzberg (CAN) 84.70 (CR), 1; Merlin Hummel (GER) 82.77, 2; Bence Halasz (HUN) 82.69, 3. High Jump: Hamish Kerr (NZ) 2.36m, 1; Sanghyeok Woo (KOR) 2.34, 2; Jan Stefela (Cze) 2.31
Women: 1500m: Faith Kipyegon (KEN) 3:52.15s, 1; Dorcus Ewoi (KEN) 3:54.92, 2; Jessica Hull (AUS) 3:55.16, 3.

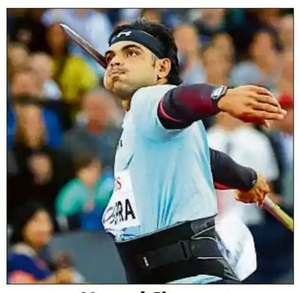


Kenya's Faith Kipyegon (left) celebrates after winning her fourth World Championships 1500m gold in Tokyo on Tuesday. Canada's Ethan Katzberg set a new Championship record in men's hammer throw. AFP

Chopra up against blockbuster field

TOKYO, PTI

Indian javelin superstar Neeraj Chopra will begin his World Championship title defence with the qualification round here on Wednesday, taking on a blockbuster field that also features Olympic gold-winning Arshad Nadeem of Pakistan and Diamond League champion Julian Weber of Germany.



Neeraj Chopra

Chopra will aim to become the third male javelin thrower in history to defend the World Championships gold he had won in 2023 edition in Budapest. Czech legend Jan Zelezny (1993, 1995), who is now Chopra's coach, and Anderson Peters (2019, 2022) of Grenada are the other two who have won the World Championships crown on two consecutive occasions.

Chopra is set to face Nadeem for the first time after the 2024 Paris Olympics, giving him a chance to avenge his second-place finish in the French capital. Nadeem had won gold in Paris with a monster throw of 92.97m while Chopra had a best of 89.45m that night.

The Chopra-Nadeem clash will, however, not happen on Wednesday as the two rivals have been placed in two different groups in the qualifying round. They are expected to clash in the final round on Thursday.

Weber, Peters, Kenya's 2015 world champion Julius Yego, 2012 Olympic champion Keshorn Walcott of Trinidad and Tobago, veteran Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic as well as Brazil's Luiz da Silva, another 90m thrower, make up the rest of the starry field.

It would be a historic competition for India as Sachin Yadav, Yashvir Singh and Rohit Yadav will join Neeraj on the field, the biggest number among competing countries in the event.

Chawhan sets the pace with composed 67

BENGALURU, DHNS: Gujarat's Ishaan Chawhan established an early advantage on the opening day of the IGU Rotary Southern India Amateur Golf Championship at the Karnataka Golf Association here on Tuesday.

Chawhan compiled a steady five-under-par 67 to move to the top of the leaderboard, combining accurate driving with consistent approach play and putting to keep a clear lead after the opening round. West Bengal's Anshul Mishra posted a two-under-par 69 to be placed second, while Karnataka's Sidhnath Nathan matched Mishra's score with a composed round to lie tied second.

Nathan, who began solidly on the front nine, maintained his rhythm through the closing holes to stay well within reach of the leader and keep the home state's challenge alive.

Other Karnataka players also featured prominently, with three of them in the top 20. Ishnidh Virdhi carded an even-par 72 to share 14th place after a balanced round that included a few mistakes. Sumit Kotwal finished at one-over 73 to remain in contention.

Leading scores (after 18 holes):
67: Ishaan Chawhan (Guj); 69: Anshul Mishra (WB), Sidhant Nathan (Kar); 70: Ranvir Singh Pandher (Pun), Samridih Sen (WB), Aravv Shah (WB), Pritish Singh Karavat (Del), Rohan Singh Rana (Har).

Aradhana triumphs in Gold tour individual

BENGALURU, DHNS: Aradhana Anand, astride Centuri, won the Gold tour individual gold in the FEI Jumping Children's Classic 2025 here.

Results: Gold tour individual: Aradhana Anand (CC, Centuri) 1; Harshvardhan Singh Gulia (VEA, Lady Kannan) 2; Raju Mantena (SRR Dancing Queen 116) 3.
Silver tour Individual: Hasiya Pandya (Cougar 11) 1; Harshvardhan Singh Gulia (Conthargo-W) 2; Aradhana Anand (Democratic) 3.
Bronze tour individual: Siddharth Lutta (Frank Height) 1; Padmela Sinha (Roxette W) 2; Rishaan Rama Tanusha Reddy (Vesquerie) 3.
Gold tour overall: Aradhana Anand (Centuri) 1; Harshvardhan Singh Gulia (VEA, Lady Kannan) 2; Sresht Raju Mantena S (SRR Dancing Queen 116) 3.
Silver tour overall: Stasya Pandya (ARC, Cougar) 1; Harshvardhan Singh Gulia (VEA, Champagner) 2; Aradhana Anand (CS, Democratic - W) 3.
Bronze tour overall: Siddharth Dutta (SESA, Frank Height) 1; Vedika Saran (CEA, Roxette N) 2; Pandey Nikshita (EIRS, Elliot De Vesquerie) 3.

Ngairangbam 'tricks in Kick Start win

BENGALURU, DHNS

Ngairangbam Rakesh Singh struck a hat-trick as last season's runners-up Kickstart FC galloped to a 3-0 win while defending champions FC Agniputra were held to a 1-1 draw in the KSFA Super Division League Championship at the Bangalore Football Stadium here on Tuesday.

Ngairangbam opened his account in the 54th minute, doubled the tally two minutes later before completing his hat-trick in the second minute of injury time as Kickstart blanked Bangalore Dream United FC rather comfortably.

FC Agniputhra's Ahmed Faiz Khan (right) and Manggougin Samte of Parikrma FC vie for possession on Tuesday. DH PHOTO/ BK JANARDHAN

In the day's other game, holders Agniputra huffed and puffed to a 1-1 draw versus Parikrma FC. In the day's third game, Bengaluru FC played out a drab goalless draw against Bangalore City FC.

Results: FC Agniputhra: 1 (Shlok Tiwari 57th) drew with Parikrma FC: 1 (MangLen Thang Sing 50th); Kickstart FC: 3 (Ngairangbam Rakesh Singh 54th, 56th, 90+2) bt Bangalore Dream United FC: 0; Bangalore City FC: 0 drew with BFC: 0.

Sindhu cruises as Ayush falls in opening round

SHENZHEN (CHINA), PTI: Star India shutter PV Sindhu overcame the first-round hurdle, defeating Julie Dawall Jakobsen of Denmark in straight games to advance to the women's singles pre-quarterfinals of the China Masters Super 750 badminton tournament, here on Wednesday.

Young Ayush Shetty fought hard but lost the men's singles opening-round match to sixth-seeded and world No. 5 Chinese Taipei shuttler Chou Tien Chen 19-21, 21-12, 16-21 in 68 minutes, while the mixed doubles pair of Ruthvika Gadde and Rohan Kapoor too bowed out following a 17-21, 11-21 defeat to Yuichi Shimogami and Sayaka Hobara of Japan.

Sindhu, the two-time Olympic medallist, took just 27 minutes to decimate Jakobsen 21-4, 21-10. The win for the Indian comes less than 10 days after her opening-round loss in the Hong Kong Open Super 500 tournament where she had lost to another Dane Line Christophersen.

Sindhu, who has suffered six first-round exits on the BWF World Tour this year with the latest being the Hong Kong Open, was in her elements as the 30-year-old shuttler raced to a substantial lead in no time and finished the opening game in slightly over 10 minutes.

The trend continued in the second game as well with the Indian, who had beaten the Dane in two previous occasions as well, taking a three-point lead at 4-1 before Jakobsen made it 4-4. Thereafter, Sindhu displayed her experience and superior technique.

PSG fearful of injuries as they kick off title defence

PARIS, AFP

There is the sense that the new season gets up and running for real this week for Paris Saint-Germain as they begin their defence of the Champions League title amid doubts as to how much longer their squad can handle being pushed to the limit by a crowded calendar.

PSG host Atalanta on Wednesday for their first game in Europe, three and a half months after their stunning 5-0 destruction of Inter Milan in last season's final in Munich.

Luis Enrique's team will also entertain Bayern, Tottenham Hotspur and Newcastle United in the league phase, with trips to Barcelona, Bayer Leverkusen, Athletic Bilbao and to Lisbon to face Sporting on the horizon too.

Those are tough games, although PSG's poor start in last season's Champions League has shown that they might not need to be at their very best immediately.

The French champions lost three of eight league phase games last season, but still won Europe's elite club competition for the first time following a dazzling run of form from the turn of the year.

The concern now, however, is that last season's exertions could catch up with them and seriously jeopardise their chances of retaining the trophy.

The Parisians played 65 games during 2024/25, in a season spanning 11 months. That included 17 matches in the Champions League and seven in the Club World Cup, where their marathon campaign concluded with a 3-0 loss to Chelsea in mid-July.

Paris Saint-Germain's forward Bradley Barcola goes full stretch during a training session ahead of their Champions League opening clash against Atalanta. AFP

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SONY SPORTS NETWORK

Three weeks later they were back for pre-season training, and a week after that they started the new campaign against Tottenham in the UEFA Super Cup.

Fast forward a month and PSG -- who won the Super Cup on penalties -- have won their first four games in Ligue 1 but it looks like the recent efforts are beginning to catch up with them.

Ballon d'Or favourite Ousmane Dembele and Desire Doue are out for several weeks with muscle injuries suffered playing for France, while Khvicha Kvaratskhelia, Lee Kang-in and Lucas Beraldo came off hurt in Sunday's 2-0 victory over Lens.

"It happens to everyone. It is a bit of a difficult time for us because we have a lot of players injured," said Luis Enrique, the coach with his own arm in a sling after fracturing a collarbone in a cycling accident. It is not solely luck that PSG avoided serious injuries last season, owing much to the coach's management of the squad.

Nineteen PSG players played more than 1,000 minutes in 2024/25, the same number as Real Madrid and Barcelona for example.

But the Club World Cup, often played in searing heat and involving numerous long journeys across the United States, had to take a toll on the players.

Wednesday's matches: Olympiacos vs Pafos, Slavia Praha vs Bodo/Glimt (both 10:15 pm IST); Bayern Munich vs Chelsea, PSG vs Atalanta, Ajax Amsterdam vs Inter Milan, Liverpool vs Atletico Madrid (all 12:30 am IST on Thursday).

Smarting Indians focus on improving fielding

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STAR SPORTS

MULLANPUR, PTI: India's big defeat against Australia in the opening women's ODI may have come as a dampener ahead of the World Cup, but the team would look to level the series against Alyssa Healy's side with a stronger bowling and fielding effort in the second match here on Wednesday.

Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's wards did well with the bat by putting up a challenging total, courtesy half-centuries from batting mainstays Pratika Rawal, charismatic opener Smriti Mandhana and Hareen Deol.

But poor fielding came back to haunt them yet again in the opening encounter of the three-match series.

The four dropped catches let Australia, who would be India's toughest opponents apart from England in the women's World Cup scheduled later this month, off the hook and they managed to finish the task of chasing 281 runs in double-quick time.

Australia, on the other hand, seem to be pacing their preparations in a manner which could make them unstoppable in their quest for a record-extending eighth ODI World Cup title, something the Indian team management would be aware of.

The home conditions and pitches suit them, but the Indians still faltered and much of the blame lies with their fielding, middle and lower-order batting and the spinners, who are expected to spearhead India's quest for the elusive trophy.

The four spinners India employed in the opening match lacked the penetration, with only stalwart Sneh Rana managing a wicket, while the other three -- Deepti Sharma, Shree Charani and Radha Yadav -- drew a blank.

Australia's familiarity to India conditions, given the time their cricketers now spend in the country playing the Women's Premier League and bilateral series, might also have helped them.

In fact, Australia vice-captain Tahlia McGrath was spot on when she said before the series that her players "have been quite lucky" to be travelling to India every now and then.

The loss should come as a wake-up call to India as any total in the vicinity of 300 can be easily chased by the Australians, who have in their ranks veterans of several T20 and ODI World Cup campaigns such as Healy, Beth Mooney, Phoebe Litchfield, Ellyse Perry and Annabel Sutherland.

India off-spinner Sneh Rana will be eyeing a strong show in the second WODI against Australia on Wednesday. PTI

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Harsh sparks India A fightback after Konstas ton

LUCKNOW, PTI: Harsh Dubey claimed three wickets to lead India A's fightback after young opener Sam Konstas dominated the early exchanges with a brisk 109, guiding Australia A to 337/5 on the opening day of their first unofficial Test here on Tuesday.

Konstas, who made a fiery Test debut against India last Australian summer, cracked 10 fours and three sixes in his century, making the most of the conditions on offer until Ranji Trophy record holder Dubey cleaned him up.

India A and their Australian counterparts will face off in two four-day unofficial Tests here before heading to Kanpur for a three-match one-day affair.

The 19-year-old Konstas added 198 runs for the opening stand with Campbell Kellaway (88) as the two put the India A bowlers, including Test pacer Prasidh Krishna, to the sword at the Ekana Stadium.

But until they were separated, Konstas and Kellaway, who hit 10 fours and two sixes, had thwarted the challenge thrown by the India A bowlers to add nearly 200 runs in 37.1 overs. Their partnership was separated when Kellaway was caught by Tanush Kotian off Gurnoor Brar.

Brief scores: Australia A 337/5 in 73 overs (Sam Konstas 109, Campbell Kellaway 88, Cooper Connolly 70, Liam Scott 47 n.o.; Harsh Dubey 3-88) vs India A.

CRICKET ASIA CUP

Axar hasn't got his plaudits

Finger spinner has often been overshadowed by Kuldeep

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In an era gone by, classical finger-spinners were celebrated and romanticised. The great EAS Prasanna and Bishan Singh Bedi attracted as many eyeballs and encomiums as BS Chandrasekhar, the wristy magician responsible for India's first Test victory in England, at the Oval in 1971.

With time, finger-spin has come to be taken almost for granted. Unless one is Muttiah Muralitharan, a wrist-fuelled finger-spinner – if that makes sense – or R Ashwin, as adept at talking up his craft as he is working batters out or Nathan Lyon, him of 562 Test wickets, finger-spinners haven't received their due. They are not complaining, not loudly and publicly in any case, but if they feel hard done by, it isn't without reason.

The prime example of a gun finger-spinner who hasn't received the plaudits bestowed on his glamorous wrist-using colleagues is Axar Patel. Maybe some of it has to do with the fact that he goes about his business without fuss, that he doesn't talk a good talk even though he walks a fabulous walk. Within the Indian limited-overs ecosystem, the 31-year-old is a vitally influential performer. The outside world is entranced by the dexterity of Kuldeep Yadav and Varun Chakravarthy, but Axar is a towering personality in his own right, a bank who can be relied upon to hold up his end of the bargain 95 times out of 100.

Axar has fallen way down the pecking order in Test cricket. Twenty-seven wickets in his first three outings, at home against England in 2021, indicated a coming of age in the five-day game but middling to modest subsequent displays have seen his Test graph nosedive alarmingly. But drape him in the India blue and toss him the white ball, and Axar becomes an entirely different beast altogether.

There's more to Axar than just canny left-arm spin. He is one of many floaters in the batting group, used differently in different circumstances. When Virat Kohli got into a rut in the final of the T20 World Cup last year against South Africa, for instance, Axar took it upon himself to provide the momentum, smashing four sixes on his way to a 31-ball 47 which dominated a fourth-wicket stand of 72 with the former captain. In the 50-over Champions Trophy this year, when he primarily batted at No. 5 ahead of KL Rahul, he weighed in with crucial knocks in the semifinal and the final, setting the stage for Rahul and Hardik Pandya to deliver the knockout blows.

That versatility, allied with his left-arm spin that is as much at home in the Powerplay as at any other stage of the innings, has made Axar an indispensable white-ball behemoth. Since the beginning of 2024, Axar has taken 29 wickets in 22 innings; despite being pressed into service in challenging phases, he has conceded only 6.80 runs per over on an average which, allied with a wicket every 14 deliveries, makes him every captain's dream. Rohit Sharma used him judiciously in the USA and the Caribbean last year, Suryakumar Yadav is now reaping the rewards of Axar's consistency and stump-to-stump lines.

Axar's bowling is steeped in simplicity, but clearly, it isn't a simple puzzle to crack, not with his subtle changes in angle, in pace and in his use of the crease. He won't mind too much if the spotlight is on Kuldeep and Chakravarthy. He knows his value; more importantly, he knows how much his team-mates value him and at a certain level, that counts for more than external approbation.

Although India may be blessed with brilliant spinners, Axar Patel is a towering personality in his own right, especially in limited-overs cricket. PTI

Bangla stay in hunt for Super 4s

ABU DHABI, AGENCIES: A collective bowling effort helped Bangladesh defend a moderate target against Afghanistan and stay in hunt for a place in the Super 4s of Asia Cup here on Tuesday.

Skipper Rashid Khan (2/26) and his spin colleague Noor Ahmad (2/23) produced measly spells to help Afghanistan restrict Bangladesh to 154/5 in their Group B clash.

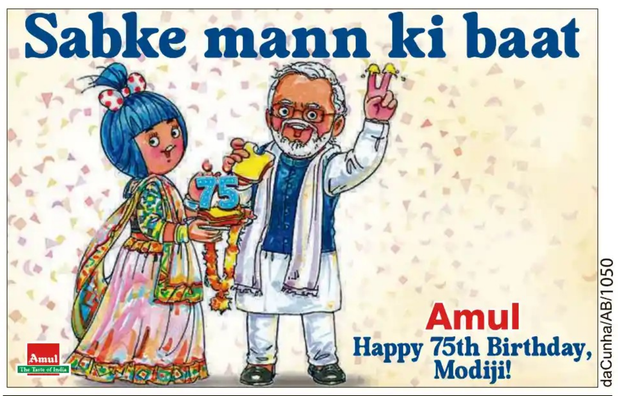
Chasing the target, Afghanistan found the going tough as Nasum Ahmed (2/11), Mustafizur Rahman (3/28), Taskin Ahmed (2/34) and Rishad Hossain (2/18) struck at regular intervals as Bangladesh posted an eight-run win after bowling out their rivals for 146.

Earlier, Bangladesh were bolstered by a 31-ball 52 from opener Tanzid Hasan.

Brief scores: Bangladesh: 154/5 in 20 overs (Saif Hassan 30, Tanzid Hasan 52, Towhid Hridoy 26; Rashid Khan 2-26, Noor Ahmad 2-23) vs Afghanistan: 146 all out in 20 overs (Rahmanullah Gurbaz 35, Azmatullah Omarzai 30; Nasum Ahmed 2-11, Mustafizur Rahman 3-28, Taskin Ahmed 2-34, Rishad Hossain 2-18). **Result**: Bangla won by 8 runs. **PoM**: Nasum Ahmed

Bumrah could be rested for Oman game

DUBAI, PTI: The Indian team management is unlikely to tinker with its playing XI for the inconsequential final group league Asia Cup game against Oman except for resting pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah here on Friday. With the Super Four fixtures lined up on September 21, 24 and 26, followed by the final on September 28, tournament favourites India could end up playing four matches in seven days if they qualify for the title clash.



PCB awaits Islamabad nod as ICC rejects its demand

DUBAI, PTI: The top brass of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) were awaiting clearance from Islamabad on Tuesday after the handshake fiasco but their players tried to appear chirpy on the eve of the team's Asia Cup game against UAE.

Post the loss on Sunday, when the Indian players refused to shake hands with their Pakistani counterparts as a mark of respect to the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people were killed, the PCB had asked for the removal of match referee Andy Pycroft citing violation of ICC rules and regulations, only to be rejected by the game's global governing body.

Incidentally, the rejection letter that the PCB received from the ICC was signed by its general manager Waseem Khan, who was formerly the beleaguered cricket board's CEO.

The day was full of intrigue after the ICC rejected PCB's plea. It is understood that they are still trying to convince the ICC to allow Richie Richardson for the UAE game, which will be a face-saver for PCB chief Mohsin Naqvi, who is also the interior minister in the Shahbaz Sharif government.

If Pakistan happens to pull out of the tournament, they will lose around USD 16 million, which is a significant amount for a cricket board not half as rich as the BCCI.

There was a scheduled press conference in the evening ahead of the UAE game but around an hour and a half before the Pakistan team's arrival for training, it was cancelled.

Amid the buzz that the team might skip the training, the players checked in even as the Indians continued with their gruelling session, which had entered the third hour by then.

WI recall Chanderpaul for India Tests

NEW DELHI, PTI: Former captain Kraigg Brathwaite was on Tuesday dropped while Tagenarine Chanderpaul and Alick Athanaze were recalled in the West Indies' 15-member squad to face India in a two-Test series next month.

Roston Chase

The West Indies will play in Ahmedabad from October 2-6 and in New Delhi from October 10-14 which will also be their first away assignment of the current World Test Championship 2025-27 cycle.

The squad: Roston Chase (c), Jomel Warrican (vc), Kevlon Anderson, Alick Athanaze, John Campbell, Tagenarine Chanderpaul, Justin Greaves, Shai Hope (wk), Tevin Imlach, Alzarri Joseph, Shamar Joseph, Brandon King, Anderson Phillip, Khary Pierre, Jayden Seales.

Apollo Tyres is new sponsor of Indian cricket team

Deal is speculated to worth Rs 579 cr for 2.5 years

NEW DELHI, PTI

Apollo Tyres has been locked in as the new sponsor for the Indian cricket team for a period of two and a half years following the exit of online gaming platform Dream11, the BCCI announced on Tuesday.

The BCCI was left without a shirt sponsor for the team after the government banned real money gaming platforms including Dream 11 under a new legislation.

The team is currently playing the Asia Cup in Dubai without a title sponsor.

"The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) today announced a landmark partnership with Apollo Tyres, a leader in the global tyre industry, as the new lead Sponsor of Team India," said the BCCI in a statement.

"This marks Apollo Tyres' first-ever foray into India cricket, a strategic move to align with a sport that resonates deeply with the nation.

"The new partnership, secured after a rigorous bidding process, represents a substantial increase in sponsorship value, signifying the immense and growing commercial appeal of Indian cricket."

It is reliably learnt that the deal, that will run through March 2028, is valued at Rs 579 crore, higher than the Rs 358 crore agreement with Dream 11 for the same duration. The deal with the tyre major covers 121 bilateral games and 21 ICC games.

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- Although the BCCI hasn't revealed the numbers, it's learnt the deal is worth Rs 579 crore for a period of 2-1/2 years.
- It's a substantial jump from the Rs 358 crore agreement with Dream 11 for the same duration.
- The current deal will cover approximately 121 bilateral and 21 ICC games.

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CRICKET

Asia Cup: Pakistan vs UAE **(8 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Sony Ten 1**, **Sony Liv**.

ATHLETICS

World Championships: Day 5 **(3:05 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

FOOTBALL

Champions League: Olympiacos vs Pafos **(10:15 pm)**, Bayern München vs Chelsea, Liverpool vs. Atletico Madrid, Juventus vs Borussia Dortmund, Tottenham vs Villarreal **(12:30 am, Wednesday night)**. **LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network.**

KABADDI

PKL: UP Telugu Titans vs Dabang Delhi **(8 pm)**, Haryana Steelers vs Patna Pirates **(9 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar**.

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KSCA Colts rally after Shikhar's 7-for

BENGALURU, DHNS

KSCA Colts spinner Shikhar Shetty had one trick too many up his sleeve as he dismissed as many as seven Baroda batters to bundle them out at 209 runs on Day 2 of the third round of Dr (Capt) K Thimmappiah memorial tournament in Mysuru on Tuesday.

Baroda did manage to take a first innings lead of 25 runs as they earlier restricted the hosts to 184 all out on Day 1. However, Colts' top order responded well in the second innings, posting 298/2 by stumps. Harshil Dharmani (94 not out) and Aneeshwar Gautam (73 n.o.) put on an unbeaten stand of 131 runs for the third wicket after openers Prakhar Chaturvedi (76) and Toufeeq S (50) added 103 runs.

Meanwhile, at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium here, another left-arm orthodox bowler Madhav P Bajaj took a fifer to bowl out a star-studded Mumbai batting line-up for 182. The spell allowed KSCA Secretary's XI to take a 98-run first innings lead as the hosts were 280 all out early in the day. By the end of the day's play, Secretary's XI increased their lead to 186.

KSCA Secretary's XI's Madhav P Bajaj took a five-wicket haul against Mumbai on Tuesday. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

Brief Scores: At SDNRW: KSCA Colts: 184 all out & 298/2 in 69 overs (Prakhar Chaturvedi 76, Toufeeq S 50, Harshil Dharmani 94 n.o., Aneeshwar Gautam 73 n.o.) vs Baroda: (O/n: 129/6): 209 all out in 59 overs (Shashwat Rawat 25, Vishnu Solanki 48, Rasikh Dar 29, Bhargav Bhatt 35, Shikhar Shetty 7-86, Mohsin Khan 2-60)
At M Chinnaswamy: KSCA Secretary's XI: (O/n: 267/9): 280 all out in 94.3 overs (Lochan Gowda 48, Nikin Jose SJ 37, Dheeraj Gowda 45, Madhav P Bajaj 29, Abhishek Ahlawat 52; Tushar Deshpande 3-40, Sylvester Dsouza 3-51, Musheer Khan 2-27) & 88/3 in 30 overs (Lochan 25, Faizan Khan 42 n.o., Sylvester D'souza 2-14) vs Mumbai 182 all out in 48.2 overs (Ajinkya Rahane 26, Shardul Thakur 77; Aditya Goyal 2-24, Madhav P Bajaj 5-61)
At Alur 2: KSCA XI: 270 all out in 80.5 overs (Rohan Patil 53, Shrijith KL 36, Abhinav Manohar 68; Bikram Debnath 3-32, Sridam Paul 4-38) vs Tripura: (O/n: 9/0): 246/6 in 92 overs (Bikram Kumar Das 51, Anandh Bhowmik 34, Hrituraj Ghosh Roy 42, Bikram Debnath 37, Sentu Sarkar 35; Vidwath Kaverappa 2/18)
At Alur 3: Goa: 165 all out & 198/7 in 68 overs (Ishaan Gadekar 41, Manthan Khutkar 60, Lalit Yadav 42, Shreesha S Achar 4-58, Nischith Rao 2-26) vs KSCA President's XI: (O/n: 58/5) 97 all out in 46.3 overs (Darshan Mishal 4-29, Mohit Redkar 3-21).
At SJCE: Andhra: 87 all out & 198/1 in 43 overs (Gnaneswar CR 50, Abhishek M Reddy 98 n.o., M Hemanth Reddy 40 n.o.) vs Himachal Pradesh: (O/n: 232/4): 455 all out in 105.1 overs (Siddhant Purohit 50, Ekant Sen 178; M Anjaneyulu 7-143)
At IAF: Assam: 153 all out & 152/7 in 56 overs (Rishav Das 25, Denish Das 62; Japagnya Bhatt 2-30, Vishal Jaiswal 3-45, Amit Desai 2-27) vs Gujarat: (O/n: 103/5): 244/10 in 57.1 overs (Abhishek Desai 76, Manan Hingrajia 26, Dipjyoti Saikia 2-56, Akash Sengupta 3-55, Bhargab Pratim Lahkar 2-13)
At KINI Sports: Maharashtra: (O/n: 319/6): 404 all out in 404 all out in 109.2 overs (Prithvi Shaw 40, Yash Kshirsagar 27, Digvijay Patil 106, Saurabh Nawale 56; Satyajeet Bachhav 29, Shamsuzana Kazi 77 n.o.; Lalit Yadav 2-73, Shanmesh Deshmukh 5-56, Gaurav Dhoble 2-76) vs Vidarbha 192/3 in 53 overs (Atharva Taide 91 n.o., Dhruv Shorey 38, Aman Mokhade 27, Yash Kadam 27 n.o., Satyajeet Bachhav 3-34)
At Alur 1: Madhya Pradesh: (O/n: 269/7): 276 all out in 92.4 overs (Harsh Gawli 50, Harshit Yadav 53, Harpreet Singh 33, Arshad Khan 54; Ravi Kiran 2-53, Ashish Chouhan 3-49, Shashank Tiwari 2-61, Sahban Khan 2-47) vs Chhattisgarh 245/8 in 81 overs (Rishabh Tiwari 68, Ashutosh Singh 54, Shashank Chandrakar 74; Arshad Khan 3-48, Adheer Pratap Singh 2-44, Sagar Solanki 2-59)

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